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All settlement offers withdrawn Briney v. Road Commission heads to trial

by Cherrill Ruley
Staff Writer

Just when James Briney thought his Worker's Compensation case against the Road Commission for Crawford County was settled, all settlement offers previously made by attorneys representing the insurance company were withdrawn after an April 7 hearing. Briney was present for the proceedings.

Briney was offered and agreed to a \$140,000 settlement in early March. In late March, insurance attorneys added a provision preventing Briney or his wife from ever suing the Road Commission or former commissioners Robert Nelson and Raymond Swiercz in particular. Miffed by the additional provisions, Briney's attorney requested a final judgement of the settlement be made by the court and a release be signed allowing the Brineys to file a counter claim if either men sue, as they have both claimed they will do, under oath in their depositions.

In an appearance before Judge Dennis F. Murphy, Briney's attorney, Cynthia Fitzgerald asked that

the original settlement be enforced. Fitzgerald said a date had already been set for redemption of the claim.

Fitzgerald said the settlement came as a result of "numerous protracted phone calls and letters," and used three examples of case law where settlements were finalized relying upon such activity, therefore arguing the defense motion that there is nothing in writing. Fitzgerald commented, "The defendants by their writing clearly articulated their agreement to settle," and to deny the agreement "would make a mockery of the entire judicial system."

Attorney Tom McCarthy, representing Cambridge Integrated Services Group, argued his client never had a settlement. "Not even close... not by a mile... not by a couple of miles," he said. McCarthy commented that although the dollar amount was agreed to, his firm is not in the position to have Nelson and Swiercz sign a release. "They are not my clients -- the Road

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Larceny suspects nabbed in Glen's Market parking lot

by Cherrill Ruley
Staff Writer

Two Grayling residents have been arraigned in 83rd District Court for their alleged involvement in the March 30 larceny of Skip's Sports Shop.

Just before closing shop for the day, store clerk Brian Palmer was in the process of counting up the day's receipts, when a male customer entered the business on M-72. Crawford County Sheriff's Deputy Tim Coe said Palmer placed the money in a bag underneath a counter to wait on the customer. Without making a purchase, the customer, later identified as 33-year old James L. Wilson, left the store.

Shortly thereafter, Wilson re-entered the store with 39-year old Vicki Jo Blair and an unnamed female juvenile. Coe said while Palmer showed Blair some waders near the rear of the store, Wilson took over \$400 in cash from the bag Palmer placed under the counter.

During the investigation, Palmer was able to provide the Sheriff's Department with descriptions of all three suspects and their vehicle. Deputies discovered two of the suspects were wanted on outstanding warrants, including a revoked drivers license, and issued a statement to other law enforcement to "be on the look out" for the vehicle and suspects.

About two hours after the crime was committed the car and two of the suspects were spotted in the Glen's Market parking lot in Grayling. During the arrest, Wilson attempted to flee the scene, resulting in a scuffle and leaving one deputy with a minor finger injury.

Blair and Wilson were taken to the Crawford County Jail and booked on the outstanding warrants. The following day, warrants were

issued against the pair for larceny from a building. Wilson was also charged with resisting and obstructing an officer.

Both suspects were arraigned on April 4 and are awaiting pre-trial conferences on April 14 and preliminary examinations on April 18. Wilson remains lodged in the County Jail, while Blair was released on bond.

No word has come from the County Prosecutor's office regarding any charges pending against the juvenile who accompanied Blair and Wilson during the larceny.

Sheriff's deputies recovered \$344 of the cash taken.

Two enter race for one school board seat

by Cherrill Ruley
Staff Writer

Crawford AuSable School Board President Marilyn Rosi has decided to seek re-election in the June 12 School Election.

Joining Rosi on the ballot will be James W. Hatley II of Grayling. The two were the only candidates to meet filing requirements and the April 10, 4 p.m. deadline for entry into the one-seat race.

Also on the School Election ballot will be not one, but two high school improvement proposals. Grayling High School is in need of a new heating and ventilation system, as well as a new roof. School Board members will ask the taxpayers to approve financing of those maintenance items and consider additions and improvements to the school's gym, cafeteria and classrooms.

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Scouts reach highest goal



Photo by Linda Golnick

Brian Stewart (left) and Matt Evon (right) stated the Eagle Scout Promise, administered by Loren Goodale Jr. (background), committee chairman for Boy Scout Troop 979. Stewart and Evon were awarded their Eagle Scout status on April 9 before family, friends and fellow scouts. For the complete story, see Page 3A.

Teen pleads guilty to lesser charge in overpass rock throwing incident

by Cherrill Ruley
Staff Writer

Working closely with his attorney and the County Prosecutor John Huss, 16-year old Gary A. Partlow III plead guilty April 7 in 46th Circuit Trial Court to felonious assault.

The judge asked Partlow to tell the story of his involvement in the September 18 incident when he and two juveniles threw rocks, approximately three inches in diameter, at cars traveling on I-75 under the Hartwick Pines Road overpass.

Partlow responded quietly as Judge Dennis F. Murphy asked for his pleas on two original counts of attempted murder. Partlow was charged as an adult due to the seriousness of the crime. The teenager plead not guilty to both original

counts in exchange for a guilty plea on a third count of felonious assault. The third count was added after successful plea bargaining between Huss and defense attorney James R. Deamud.

The judge asked Partlow to tell the story of his involvement in the September 18 incident when he and two juveniles threw rocks, approximately three inches in diameter, at cars traveling on I-75 under the Hartwick Pines Road overpass. Partlow told the court he was indeed guilty of throwing rocks at cars.

Two suits had been filed against Partlow, one for each vehicle involved in the incident. One vehicle

Intervention denied in zoning variance case

by Cherrill Ruley
Staff Writer

Representing Jack Hall, attorney David Sabin went before Judge Dennis F. Murphy in 46th Circuit Trial Court requesting his client be allowed to become party to a lawsuit pending between Jack Mahank and Grayling Township.

In January, Hall was granted a Grayling Township Zoning Board of Appeals public hearing because he believed a variance was issued for a garage being built in the front yard of Jack Mahank's property without proper notification of neighboring property owners. Hall's view of Lake Margrethe from his residence is now obstructed by Mahank's garage, something the ordinance does not address.

The variance was not issued with the approval of the Zoning Board, but was issued instead by Township Supervisor Terry Wright, acting in the capacity of Zoning Administrator. According to township ordinance, Wright has the authority to make such decisions. Wright issued the variance after repeated attempts by Mahank to acquire land next to his property from Hall failed.

At the January public hearing the Grayling Township Zoning Board of Appeals voted to overturn Wright's decision to grant a variance and ordered Mahank to remove the

garage.

Attorney Richard Jaskowski, representing Mahank told Judge Murphy he didn't believe Hall could be party to the suit because it concerns Mahank's request to overturn the Zoning Board of Appeals decision and not the original issue of a possible improperly issued variance.

Sabin argued his client needed representation in the case stating, "Not merely a view has been impeded by this monstrosity," but also his client's rights under the existing township ordinance.

There was some discussion over utilizing the minutes from the public hearing as a reference in the Mahank v. Grayling Township, Grayling Township Board of Appeals. Judge Murphy ordered a transcript be made from tapes of the meeting to be used in the future.

Judge Murphy said he would not grant Hall permission to intervene, but would allow him to issue a brief stating his interest in the case.

Proposed city budget available for inspection

► Council to hold budget work session, public hearing

The City of Grayling is currently in the process of adopting the budget for the next fiscal year.

City Manager Allen Lowe presented the City Council with the proposed budget on Monday, April 10. The council will now review the budget and possibly make changes at later meetings.

The council will hold a budget work session on April 24, and a public hearing on the new budget will be conducted on May 8.

Copies of the proposed budget are available for public inspection at the city office (located on M-72 West in the Century 21 building) and at the Crawford County Library.

Victorian Afternoon revisits a gentler time



An afternoon of tea, hors d'oeuvres and chamber music in the parlor of the historic Hanson House raised approximately \$2,000 for the local chapter of Habitat for Humanity. About 100 people took tours and got a taste of life at the turn of the 19th century. Shown are (from left) R.J. Hannan - Director for CASD Community Education, Laurie Figley - Chairperson of the Crawford County Habitat for Humanity, and Hanson House owners Jill and Dave Wyman.

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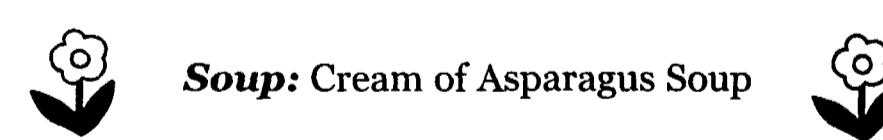
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Dispose of hazardous materials safely with Environmental Cleanup Day

by Cheryll Ruley
Staff Writer

Two environmental disposal programs were so successful in 1999, the county has designated an entire day in June to continue offering ways for residents to properly dispose of unwanted materials.

Crawford County Environmental Monitor Pat Merrill has scheduled June 24, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. for county residents to take advantage of "Environmental Cleanup Day." Collection of hazardous waste and old tires will take place that day in the county building's parking lot.

"Combining the collection days will be more convenient for everyone," Merrill said. "One trip versus three will help a lot of people."

With the event more than two

months away, Merrill said he hopes this will give residents plenty of time to clean out their garages, barns, basements and under kitchen sinks, then properly dispose of old and unwanted hazardous materials.

The county has budgeted \$7,000 this year, out of the landfill impact fund, for the collection and proper disposal of approximately 9,000 lbs. of hazard waste. Last year, about 5,680 lbs of hazardous waste was collected, avoiding the landfill and illegal dumping in the woods -- a source of groundwater contamination.

The cost of tire disposal will pay for itself with a \$2 per automobile tire disposal fee (this includes pickup truck tires). Tires may be turned in on or off the rim. About 500 tires

were collected last year.

Household hazardous waste is described as unwanted/unused oil based paints, aerosol cans, acids, automotive products, batteries, cleaners, heavy metals, pesticides, solvents, propane cylinders, asbestos, reactives, alkali metals, PCBs and "unknowns."

As an added bonus this year, well water testing will be offered free of charge to the first 250 county residents who bring in a sample of their household well water.

Merrill said those interested in the free testing should bring from home eight ounces of water taken from a cold water tap. The sample must be placed in a clean container, free of soap or detergent residue. It is recommended the sample be taken just

before leaving home for the test. Testing will be performed by the Michigan Department of Agriculture in cooperation with MSU-Extension and the Michigan Groundwater Stewardship Program.

Services offered are on a first-come, first-served basis for Environmental Cleanup Day. "We are on a budget," Merrill said. "So, depending on the response, people may have to be turned away. I highly suggest residents arrive early."

Anyone with questions about Environmental Cleanup Day or other services of the Crawford County Environmental Office can contact Merrill at (517) 344-3258, fax (517) 344-3265, by pager at (517) 253-1965, or by e-mail at merrillp@kirtland.cc.mi.us.

City Police begin spring clean-up survey

► With the snow gone, department looks to enforce city junk ordinances

by Caleb Casey
Staff Writer

The Grayling Police Department started a survey of the city last week, checking area properties for visible "junk" and potentially unsafe buildings.

The effort is part of the department's yearly spring clean-up. After the snow melts, the police comb the area each year and take note of possible ordinance violations, then take steps to remedy the problems, Grayling Police Chief Karl Schreiner said.

The two main ordinances the police look to enforce are the city's "junk ordinance" (#72-3) and "public annoyance" ordinance (#22).

The purpose of the city's junk

ordinance "is to limit and restrict the outdoor storage, parking or unreasonable accumulation of junk, unused, partially dismantled or non-operating motor vehicles," and other such visible nuisances, according to the ordinance.

Part of city ordinance #22 deals with unsafe buildings, which is the section of the ordinance police are most active in enforcing during the spring clean-up effort, Schreiner said.

Though there are enforceable penalties listed for violating either of the ordinances (up to a \$100 fine and/or up to 90 days in jail for each day of violation), Chief Schreiner said the department is more concerned about getting unsightly junk cleaned up than writing a bunch of tickets.

"Once our survey is complete, we will be sending out notices, letters indicating that they are in violation

and giving them a time period for cleaning it up, usually 10 days," Schreiner said.

"Obviously we want the public's cooperation as much as possible," said Schreiner. "We try to work with people. Some of these things take time (to clean up), and if we know they are doing something about it, we try to work with them."

Schreiner encourages anyone with a concern about a possible ordinance violation to contact the Grayling Police Department at 348-4621 or 348-4601. (After business hours, leave a message. The department will get back to you, Schreiner said.)

"We're just trying to make the town look nice," Schreiner said. "That's the purpose of the ordinances, to have the town look as nice as it could."

Though the Grayling Police Department's clean-up effort begins in the spring, it doesn't end there.

Briney v. Road Commission heads to trial

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Commission is my client," McCarthy said the insurance pool would have to pay for the defense of Swiercz and Nelson if Briney were to sue and "no one would settle a case with that kind of loose ends."

Fitzgerald questioned why, then, would the defense write such a release for people it does not represent?

After lengthy arguments, Judge Murphy denied the finalization of the settlement because there is no written agreement signed by the

paying party.

The defense has withdrawn all offers and the court has scheduled the trial to begin July 17. Six days have been allowed for the trial.

"We are very disappointed in the court's ruling and the defendants withdrawal of offers," said Fitzgerald. "Jim was willing to make compromises to bring closure to this suit. We look forward to the July 17 trial date and will pursue all of our damages and remedies."

Fitzgerald would not disclose the total amount Briney will seek.

Get ready to say 'Good Bye' to the GHS Viking band

With this year's fundraising events over, the Viking band students are counting down the days in anticipation for the memorable trip to Washington D.C., according to the Viking Band Booster president, Margaret Knapp. "The final payment has been sent to Horizon Tour Company, and now we anxiously wait," she said.

"We have an overwhelming amount of support from our band parents. A total of 18 parents/guardians have signed up, and paid their trip cost to be chaperones for this GHS band field trip," states Knapp.

"The students are in for one of the greatest experiences of their lives, to see our nation's Capitol. The Washington DC field trip has so much to offer them, and it is all

free to see. Mr. Ormsbee, the Instrumental Music Director, and Mr. Gott, the Assistant Music Director, are working with the students on an *American Celebration*, as well as five other pieces of music. They will perform on Friday, April 28, at the Upper Senate Park across from the White House. Until then, the band will be taking time to tour many Washington sites," Knapp continues.

"The two tour buses pull out of the Grayling High School parking lot at 6 p.m., Wednesday night, April 26 and arrive back in Grayling at 6 p.m. Sunday night, the 30th.

"The trip is a 13-hour run, with many stops in between," Knapp states. "I hope each and every per-

The police look at properties during the summer and fall seasons, continuing to check for possible ordinance violations. Once snow covers everything in the winter, it becomes difficult to enforce the ordinances, Schreiner noted.

City announces yard waste, recycling pick up schedules

The City of Grayling has announced its schedule for yard waste and recycling pick-up this summer.

Pick-up dates for yard waste include: April 25; May 9 and 23; June 6 and 20; July 5 and 18; August 1, 15 and 29; September 12 and 26; October 10 and 24. (All yard waste pick-up days are Tuesdays, except for July 5 (Wednesday).

Yard waste must be in paper bags or rigid, reusable containers and free of any trash. (Do not use plastic bags.) Brush should be tied in bundles no more than four feet long and weighing less than 50 pounds. Individual brush pieces should not be more than one inch in diameter.

Materials for recycling will be picked up once a month, on the fourth Thursday of every month.

For either yard waste or recycling pick-up, materials should be placed at curbside by 7 a.m. on the day of pick-up.

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Young men reach highest rank of Eagle Scout

An end to a long journey. That's what scoutmasters say is the definition of attaining the rank of Eagle Scout in the Boy Scouts of America. Brian Stewart and Matt Evon were honored and decorated with their Eagle Scout Medals in a ceremony on April 9.

Stewart is the son of Marc and Kathy Stewart of Gaylord, formerly of Grayling. The Stewarts moved to Gaylord in December 1998 and Brian has been home schooled. Brian began his journey March 20, 1994.

Evon is the son of Bill and Cindy Evon of Grayling. He is a senior at Grayling High School. Matt's journey began May 16, 1993.

The Eagle Scout award presentation began with an introduction by committee chairman and master of ceremonies Loren Goodale Jr., scoutmaster. An invocation by Rev. Jeff Jagers, presentation of colors and the pledge allegiance followed.

Goodale then invited all scouts, past and present, to stand and recite the Boy Scout oath, lead by Adam Malone.

A traditional candle lighting ceremony representing each point of scout law was conducted. Scouts promise to be trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean, and reverent.

A time line of the new Eagle Scouts' accomplishments and milestones, culminating with their December 14, 1999 Board of Review acceptances, were shared with those in attendance. The "journey up the trail to eagle" was accentuated by another candle lighting ceremony.

Both Stewart and Evon spoke to the audience about what scouting means to them and how scouting has affected their lives. Then they recited their new oath, the Eagle Scout Promise, reaffirming their allegiance and promising to promote better scouting and citizenship in their troop, community and contacts with other people.

They were then awarded by their fathers Eagle Scout medals, and by Scott Landis with certificates from the national Boy Scout office.

During the ceremony, some interesting facts about scouting were



(Above) Marc Stewart (far left) pins the Eagle Scout Medal on son Brian as Bill Evon pins the same on his son, Matt during ceremonies April 9.

Afterwards, both young men presented their mothers and fathers with their own Eagle Scout pin. (Right) Newly decorated Eagle Scouts Matt Evon and Brian Stewart pose for a photo with scout Leader Loren Goodale Jr.

shared by Scoutmaster Dave Starks:

- Of any 100 boys who become scouts, 30 drop out within the first year, but all remember the program and speak highly of it.
- Of the 100 it is rare that even one appears in juvenile court.
- Six of the 100 will enter the ministry.
- Each scout will develop lifelong interests or hobbies as a direct result of their scouting experience.
- Two of the 100 will reach the rank of Eagle and at least one will value that rank higher than his college degree.
- At least one will credit scouting for his ability to save the life of another and one, his own.



Photos by Linda Golnick

New chief judge council formed

The Michigan Supreme Court has announced a new Council of Chief Judges to serve as an invaluable advisor to the Court on administrative matters.

The council is an outgrowth of recommendations made by chief judges from across the state. The Court welcomes the council's role in bringing to the attention of the justices important management issues. The council also serves as a reality check on the Court's administrative actions.

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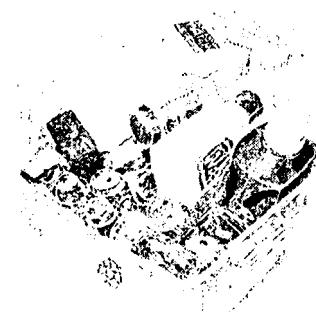
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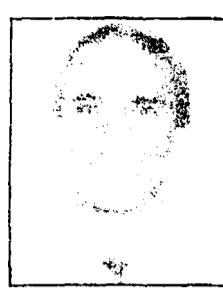
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OPINIONS



ALMANACK

by Dirk Milliman

Let the child go home, por favor

It is about time.

According to reports in the press, sometime this week the United States will step back from its self-appointed role as world's best social worker and let Elian Gonzales go home.

Finally.

By now we all know young Elian. He is the Cuban child who has topped our news since the plan to secret him into our country went terribly awry. The boat on which he, his mother and others were making their illegal journey capsized. All on board died -- including Elian's mother and stepfather, who had headed the ill-fated flight -- except by the grace of God five-year-old Elian.

Since his rescue at sea and subse-

quent recovery, he has found refuge with relatives in the Miami area. Here the term refuge is used loosely.

Since then he has been the unwitting political shuttlecock in a modern day cold war game between the powers in the U.S. and Cuba.

And for some unknown reason, we have held him here, claiming the little boy as U.S. property for more than half a year.

Put the shoe on the other foot. Actions like this by any other country on an American child would be called kidnapping at best. Troops would have been disbursed months ago.

For what reasons do the powers that be in this country believe we have any rights to say what happens

to this boy?

Sure, he is a cute, innocent kid. He survived a tragedy. By all rights, he should have drowned at sea with those who were smuggling him across the Gulf of Mexico.

He lost his mother. To this day, reports have it that he does not know she has died.

But again, does that give us the right to keep him?

He is not a U.S. citizen. In fact, he is an illegal alien. He entered this country without the approval of his country or our country.

Elian is Cuban. Born there and raised there, Cuba is his home.

Were it not for the uncontrollable forces of the adults around him, he would still be at home -- in Cuba.

He is here by accident. Not by his

own doing. Not brought here by the people who now control him or those that seek to protect him, but by those who are no longer in this world.

Their intentions will never be known. We can only assume that they dreamed of what America offered. The search for a better life probably pushed them to take their fatal journey, but to believe that is only wishful romanticizing on our part. We don't know why they did what they did.

And the political twisters here now paint their sea flight as a desperate attempt to escape Cuba and all the evil it stand for.

But was it? All we know for sure is their actions left this little boy alone in a strange country.

ter what country they call home. It was an accident that this innocent little boy washed up on our beaches. That does not give us the right to control the rest of his life.

Let the little boy go home. Show

the world that we in America

believe in the bond between a son

and his father.

No matter what country they call

home.

Richard Milliman is on vacation. His column is being written in his absence by Dirk Milliman, president of Milliman Communications, which publishes newspapers in Albion, Grayling, Marshall and Three Rivers.

VIEWPOINT

The Census: Inquiring minds want to know ... a lot

What the federal bureaucracy calls "the largest peacetime mobilization effort in U.S. history" is now under way. It's the 2000 census -- and if you're an American citizen, it's got a few questions for you. As many as 53, in fact.

America's founders felt it was important enough to know how many people lived in the country that they wrote a requirement for a census every 10 years into the fourth paragraph of the Constitution. That passage specifies that the federal government, under the direction of Congress, shall, for purposes of apportioning representation in the House of Representatives, count the number of people -- *period*.

The first census in 1790 included a question about race, but that -- plus where you lived -- was about the sum of it. In the intervening 213 years, however, the census has morphed into much more than a head count. Indeed, it may now be the clearest index available of the growth and intrusiveness of the federal establishment.

In mid-March, a census "short form" was mailed to the majority of American households. Its eight questions are designed to find out the recipient's name, age, sex, race, relationship to household, whether or not the recipient is Hispanic, and whether his or her housing is owned or rented.

One in six households were mailed the census "long form" -- a 53-question marathon asking about everything from disabilities to employment to income. Answering the census is not an option; under the law, it's mandatory.

The folks who devise the long form every 10 years are particularly interested in your house. They want to know how many rooms it has, when it was built, where you get your water from, what your utility

costs are, how you financed it, and how many cars, telephones and bathrooms you have.

Other questions on the long form ask about your education, your health, your job, and your ride to work (to find out if you drive a car or take a bus). To borrow a line from a famous magazine ad, "inquiring minds want to know."

But why do these inquiring minds want to know all these things? Who and where you are is now a minor part of this decennial exercise; the census these days is much more about how to divide the loot. The distribution of nearly \$200 billion in federal largess depends on it. In Detroit, for example, the city stands to lose \$3,000 per person in federal funds if the head count drops below one million people.

In between each count, the Census Bureau is besieged with requests from private-sector interest who want to get their pet questions baked into the next one, at taxpayer expense. Marketing and health-research people want to get data on behavior and ailments. Internet-service firms want to know who's wired and who isn't. Sociologists push to find out more about who's going to which church, and which individuals are providing support to their grandparents.

It all reminds me of the wisdom of Frederic Bastiat, the great 19th century French statesman and philosopher who wrote in his magnificent primer on the proper function of government, *The Law*: "As long as it is admitted that the law may be diverted from its true purpose -- that it may violate property instead of protecting it -- then everyone will want to participate in making the law, either to protect himself against plunder or to use it for plunder."

By its own admission, the government misses millions of people in its count. Yet, it wants to dole out money based on such details as how many bathrooms we have.

While Census Bureau Director Kenneth Prewitt says it's your "civic duty" to complete the 2000 census form, not everybody thinks so. Noting the real purpose of most of the long form's queries, Libertarian Party National Director Steve Dasbach made headlines recently when he stated, "Census information is used to forge the chains that bind Americans to failed government programs, meddlesome bureaucracies, and sky-high tax rates."

As government's share of our income rises, the census gets longer and more intrusive. In case you thought this was a coincidence, think again: A government big enough to give you everything you want is big enough to take away everything you have. To do all that for you and to you, it has to ask lots and lots of questions.

Lawrence W. Reed
President
Mackinac Center for Public
Policy, Midland

EDITOR

Gun shows are not illegal arms bazaars

To the editor:

As we approach the anniversary of the tragic Columbine school shooting, President Clinton is taking advantage of the event to pressure Congress into passing new gun control legislation. High up on his wish list is his scheme to require background checks on all private firearm sales taking place at gun shows.

The President has repeatedly made claims that gun shows are "illegal arms bazaars" where unlawful activities, such as dealing firearms without a proper license, take place -- somehow beyond the reach of law enforcement.

Of course, anyone who actually looks into these claims can only conclude that they are hogwash.

Once upon a time, it used to be customary for the more active collectors to voluntarily apply for and receive Federal Firearms Licenses, which made them subject to all the

since existing laws against commercially dealing in firearms without a Federal Firearms License are valid and enforceable everywhere in the United States.

And, ironically, whatever minor problems there are with gun shows are of President Clinton's own making. A visit to any gun show will turn up a number of people buying, selling, and trading guns who are not commercial dealers. These people are gun collectors who are interested in improving their own collections, not in making profits.

Once upon a time, it used to be customary for the more active collectors to voluntarily apply for and receive Federal Firearms Licenses, which made them subject to all the

regulations and record-keeping requirements that commercial dealers must comply with. The advantage to the hobbyist was that he could then add to his collection by ordering from interstate sources.

However, early in President Clinton's first term of office the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms decided (under Clinton's direction) that there were too many regulated gun dealers. So, by raising the license fees, piling on more and more intrusive requirements, and by being openly hostile towards new applicants, the BATF succeeded in eliminating tens of thousands of FFL holders. They justified their actions at that time by complaining that these people were not "real" dealers.

But zip up to about 1999 and all of a sudden these same people are dealers. So-called "Unlicensed dealers." President Clinton wants to have his cake and eat it too.

If our goal is to get more gun sales to fall within the regulated system, the solution is not to forcibly and unconstitutionally extend the regulatory power of the federal government over private sales, but rather to entice those over-active hobbyists to once again voluntarily apply for FFL's for their own benefit. We can do that by making the licensing requirements less burdensome.

John W. Loosemore
Chair, U.P. Libertarian Party
Pelkie, MI

To the editor:

We cannot afford to sit back and be passive on this. It is really scary and once you read this you'll realize that CBS could be forced to discontinue "Touched by an Angel" because they use the name God in every program.

Madeline Murray O'Hair, an atheist, successfully eliminated the use of Bible reading and prayer in schools 15 years ago.

Her organization has now been granted a federal hearing on the same subject by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). Their petition would ultimately pave the way to stop the reading of the gospel of Jesus Christ on the airwaves of America.

They took this position with 287,000 signatures to back their stand. If this attempt is successful, all Sunday worship service broadcasts on radio and television will stop.

This group is also campaigning to remove all Christmas programs, Christmas songs and Christmas carols from public schools. You can help stop this one. A million letters are needed addressed to: Chairman, Federal Communications Commission, 1919 M St. N.W., Washington, D.C. 20554.

We can defeat their effort by showing that there are a huge number of very concerned citizens in this country. You might include the fact that our forefathers founded this

country under the premise of a strong belief and faith in God and his principles and that our faith in God plays a big role in the freedoms we Americans now enjoy.

And don't forget to say that you protest any effort to remove from radio or TV any programs designed to nurture faith in God or any effort to remove Christmas programs, carols or songs from the public airways.

If you are a couple, send two separate letters, in separate envelopes. The number of letters received will have a strong impact.

On the outside of the envelope and in your letter write "In reference to Petition 2493," which is the number assigned the O'Hair organiza-

tion's effort.

The very first thing in Article I of the Bill of Rights in the Federal Constitution says, "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press ..." Therefore any attempt by the Congress, or any commission established by Congress to restrict the rights guaranteed by the Constitution are not legal.

Please do not take this lightly. We did once and lost pray in schools along with reading Bible verses and living by the Ten Commandments. We cannot let this attempt succeed.

Art Thayer
Grayling

dogs have choked to death on rawhide.

Although chewing rawhide may enhance dog's dental health, veterinarians recommend using chew toys and "bones" made from hard rubber or nylon. Feeding dogs hard, dry, sugar-free food and regularly rubbing your dog's teeth and gums with cloth or gauze as safer means of preventing canine dental problems. It also helps to regularly brush your dog's teeth with a soft toothbrush and a little baking soda.

Athena, my black Labrador retriever, used to get a rawhide treat every night. Approximately twice a month, she had vomiting spells. Since discontinuing rawhide a year ago, the vomiting has stopped.

Hopefully, this information will benefit companion animals and their care providers in your locality.

Joel Freedman, Chairman
Public Education Committee of Animal
Advocates of Upstate New York

Disclaimer

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Products designed for your pets are dangerous

To the editor:

People should know that softwood shavings, particularly cedar and pine, have been linked to liver, respiratory, skin and immune functioning diseases in animals constantly exposed to them. Veterinarians usually recommend beddings made from reclaimed wood pulp waste, pressed paper pellets, alfalfa, grain byproducts, aspen, unprinted newspaper or newspaper printed with soy ink. For more information on animal bedding, www.aracnet.com/~seagull/faq/beddingfaq.shtml.

Prior to learning about the hazards of softwood shavings, I used pine beddings with a succession of hamsters. They enjoyed climbing, treadmills and wholesome food in well-ventilated, spacious cages. Nevertheless, they all died far short of normal life span. Today, my pet mice are doing well with a non-toxic bedding, with soft tissue paper added.

Manufacturers of softwood beddings argue that these repel parasites better than other beddings. Indeed, I helped one of my mice who had mites by placing him in a bowl filled with red cedar shavings for two hours daily for three successive days. But using cedar as a regular bedding would probably kill the mouse as well as the mites. Topical sprays or ointments containing pyrethrins also eliminate mites, fleas and ticks.

Those caring for dogs may know that earlier this year, Sergeant's Pet Products recalled certain batches of its rawhide dog chews, as a precaution against salmonella contamination. Actually, it is best to always avoid giving dogs rawhide. Most veterinarians I spoke with say that rawhide ingestion puts dogs at risk for bacterial infections, digestive disturbances (nausea, vomiting, diarrhea), and blockage of the intestines - which can be fatal. Some

dogs have choked to death on rawhide.

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BRIEFS

Viking Band Boosters to meet next week

The Viking Band Boosters will hold a membership meeting April 20 at 7 p.m. in the Grayling Middle School Band Room. All band members' parents are invited to attend.

Animal Shelter benefit dinner planned

A spaghetti dinner to benefit the Animal Shelter Project Fund will be held from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Grayling Restaurant on Thursday, April 20. Tickets are \$5 each and can be purchased at Grayling Restaurant, Spikes Keg O'Nails, Grayling Township, Milltown Grocer, Grayling Hospital for Animals and from any member of the shelter's board of directors. All proceeds will be used toward the \$250,000 cost of building a new shelter.

Jazz concert to benefit missionary

A jazz trombone concert will be held at Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church on Friday, April 14 at 7:30 p.m., to help financially support Timothy William Febey in his two month Christian mission to Fortaleza, Brazil. Performing will be Tim "Juan Tizol" Febey on the trombone, Dave "Charlie Christian" Matthews on guitar, and Darren "Sonny Greer" Matthews on drums. Everyone is welcome to attend this evening of Ellington jazz and spirituals. The concert is free, however donations toward Febey's missionary work would be greatly appreciated.

Farm Park schedules pruning seminar

Wellington Farm Park, near Grayling and Higgins Lake, has scheduled a free fruit tree pruning seminar on Saturday, April 15, conducted by Jim Nugent of the Michigan State Horticultural Research Center. Lectures and pruning demonstrations will begin at 9 a.m. at the park on South Military Road. For more information about this year's tree pruning program or, to offer suggestions for future demonstrations call toll free to 1-888-OLD FARM or visit the park's website at www.wellingtonfarmpark.org.

KLT presents rock music showcase

Double Rock KLT radio will present Northern Michigan Rocks Music Showcase - The Finals! on Friday, April 14 at 8 p.m. in the Leelanau Sands Showroom. The concert is free, but you must be 21 years old and provide ID to enter. The showcase features northern Michigan artists Short White Johnson, Amanda Waggener and Blu Frog who will battle it out for a Grand Prize that includes free studio time and production of their own CD. While at the concert, patrons may register to win a guitar autographed by the Rolling Stones. The first 100 people through the door get a free commemorative T-shirt. For more information, call Triston Kirt at (231) 947-0003.

Ostomy support group to meet

The Straits Area Ostomy Association will hold its regular meeting on Sunday, April 16 at 2 p.m. in the cafeteria of Community Memorial Hospital in Cheboygan. All ostomates and interested persons are welcome to attend. For more information, call (517) 821-5721.

Kirtland Arts presents 'Lazer Vaudeville'

"Lazer Vaudeville" will be presented in the G.I. Stewart Auditorium at Kirtland Community College on Saturday, April 15 at 8 p.m. Attendees are asked to allow themselves 15 minutes to be seated before the show begins. The first 15 minutes of the show are performed with black lights, therefore latecomers will not be admitted during this portion of the show. Tickets for this family-oriented, audience participation show are \$14 to \$18 for adults and half price for students, with a special family-of-five pricing of \$32.50 in Section B or \$30 in Section C. Ticket reservations may be made by calling the Kirtland Ticket Office at (517) 275-6777.

Film features 'Charms of the South'

On Thursday evening, April 13, the Travel and Adventure Series will present its fifth program of the Travel and Adventure Film Series at 7:30 p.m. in the Joseph Stripe Auditorium at Grayling High School. "Charms of the South" will be presented by host Phil Slayton who will take the audience of a tour from Washington, D.C. to New Orleans. Tickets for "Charms of the South" are \$5 for adults, \$4 for students and senior citizens and are available at the Community Education Box Office at Grayling High School or by calling 348-7641, ext 120.

Church to hold Passion Week services

Grayling Baptist Church will be holding Passion Week services, April 16-21, in their new building at 705 Madsen Street in Grayling. Services will be Sunday at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Monday and Tuesday at 7 p.m.; Wednesday evening will be a family service in homes; Thursday night a Messianic Seder Dinner will be served beginning at 7 p.m.; reservations are required. Good Friday services will begin at 7 p.m.

Eagles, Auxiliary to nominate officers

The Grayling Eagles Aerie #3465 will conduct nomination of officers for the coming year at their Monday, April 17 meeting. Elections will be held Monday, May 1 from 12 noon to 7 p.m. Also, the Ladies' Auxiliary will conduct nomination of officers at their Thursday, April 20 meeting. Elections will be held Thursday, May 4 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Neighborhood Watch group forming

Neighborhood Watch is a program that will allow the Crawford County Sheriff's Department and residents of Grayling Township to work hand-in-hand toward a common goal - to make Grayling Township a safer place in which to live and do business. Any resident of Grayling Township interested in volunteering in a Neighborhood Watch program should contact Officer Paul Smith at the Crawford County Sheriff's Office at (517) 348-4616, voice mail ext. 336 or leave a message at the Grayling Township Hall, 348-4361.

Scouts to pick up food drive bags

On Saturday, April 8, Boy Scout Troop 979 and Cub Scout Pack 3993 annual food drive should call Loren Goodale at 348-8682 before handed out 1,000 "Scouting for Saturday to make pick up arrangements.

Donations may also be dropped off at Goodale's Bakery on Norway Street or at the Crawford County Community Christian Help Center on Huron Street. The Help Center is open Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

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The Bible Speaks

Antichrist Is Near

The London Times says Cardinal Biffi, the leading contender to succeed John Paul II as pope, claims that the Antichrist is a man who lives on the earth today. The Times reported, "Cardinal Giacomo Biffi, Archbishop of Bologna, said the Anti-Christ will fool many people because he will be viewed as a humanitarian with a 'fascinating personality' who espouses vegetarianism, pacifism, human rights, and environmentalism." The Times reported, "Biffi said the Anti-Christ would espouse a world-religion and ecumenism, replacing traditional religion with New Age spirituality. Cardinal Biffi's remarks are viewed as important because they often reflect the thinking of John Paul II."

Evangelical Pat Robertson wrote a book in 1992 entitled, "The New World Order" in which he described a global (if elusive) conspiracy involving the Council on Foreign Relations, the Trilateral Commission, other policy elites, secret societies and New Agers. He believes the push for more power within the United Nations is but one aspect of that spirit of antichrist pushing for global control.

While obviously I am not of the same religious persuasion as either of the above men, I quote them because the danger of a coming one world religion, government, economy, and culture is clearly seen by many from different perspectives. The Religious Right for opposing sodomy and

abortion is under attack, for intolerance and bigotry. As Bill Barnwell recently wrote, "However, it's not the Religious Right that is a threat to American culture, it is the Religious Left. The Religious Left's religion is secular humanism. Their secular humanist god like all gods is a jealous and intolerant god. While the Religious Left trumpets virtues like tolerance, they are fanatically intolerant. The Religious Left is responsible for the denigration of American culture and all the rot and ruin that comes with it."

In Montreal, The vicar at Montreal's Mary Queen of the World Cathedral described demonstrators who recently vandalized the church and littered it with condoms and sanitary napkins as "anti-Christians" trying to silence the Roman Catholic Church's views on abortion. Father Jean-Pierre Couturier said the demonstrators had "profaned God" and disturbed people who were worshipping by rushing into the cathedral on Tuesday afternoon, spray-painting slogans on an altar, turning over flowerpots, sticking sanitary napkins -- some soiled -- to pictures and walls and throwing condoms around the cathedral's sanctuary. Sister Rejeanne Poulin, who witnessed the vandalism, said: "They came in yelling things against religion. They said they were claiming the right to abortions and freedom of speech." The words "Neither God Nor Master" were spray-painted in

foot-high letters at the altar, on the frame of a 19th-century painting. Another slogan, "Religion, A Trap For Fools", was painted on a pillar in front of the cathedral.

The apostle John wrote in 1 John 2:18: "Little children, it is the last time; and as ye have heard that antichrist shall come, even now are there many antichrists; whereby we know that it is the last time." (1 John 2:22) "Who is a liar but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist, that denieth the Father and the Son." Today, few people will deny that the spirit of antichrist is increasing. I do not believe anyone can know if the Antichrist is alive today, nevertheless, I believe the Antichrist is coming soon!

"Pastor 'B'"

Please pray for the ministry of this column and our church Websites at <http://freeway.net/~eha/> and at <http://www.geocities.com/Heartland/Ranch/1263> and at <http://www.i2k.com/~eha/index.html>.

We at Calvary Baptist Church invite you to learn Bible prophecy for Y2K and beyond. Join us in a verse study of the book of Revelations each Sunday morning at 10:30 a.m.

"The Bible Speaks" is paid for by concerned Christians who support Grayling Calvary Baptist Church and who assume full responsibility for its content.

Honor parents who served in Naval services

With Mother's Day and Father's Day right around the corner, the U.S. Navy Memorial in Washington D.C. is encouraging sons and daughters to honor their parents who served in the Navy, Coast Guard, Marines or Merchant Marine by enrolling them in the Navy Log in Washington, D.C.

awards received and five duty stations served accompanied by a \$25 tax deductible enrollment donation to Navy Log, Dept. Y2000, P.O. Box 96570, Washington, D.C. 20077-7685

A head and shoulders portrait photo may be added for an additional \$25 (photos cannot be returned). Enrollments make welcome gifts to veterans. Sponsored enrollments are also sought from relatives of deceased naval veterans.

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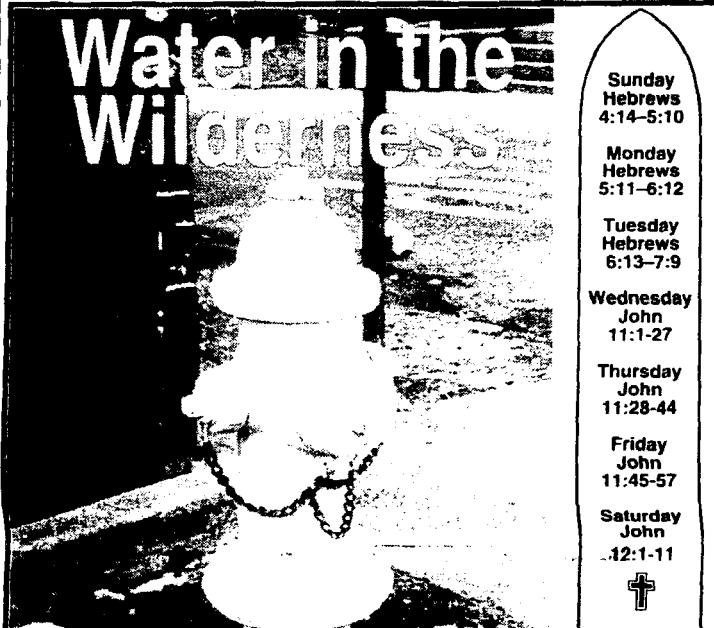
Ferris State University

Grayling resident Michael S. Dunckel received a Certificate of Recognition for Outstanding Academic Achievement of a Cumulative Honor Point Average of 3.5 or above from Ferris State University on March 19.

Concordia College

Concordia College in Ann Arbor announced that Michael Boerger has met the qualifications required and has received an offer of admission for the Fall of 2000. He is the son of Rev. Paul and Barbara Boerger of Grayling. Boerger will graduate from Grayling High School in Spring of 2000.

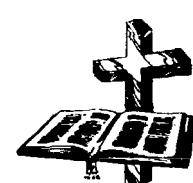
Church Directory



You're probably thinking, "Nothing very interesting about a fire hydrant." Generally you're correct...just a canine convenience or a motorist's inconvenience if a parking space is the objective. However...

This little edifice would be most important when flames tear through a home or a factory or a hospital, threatening lives and property...as happens each day in our world. Perhaps it deserves our consideration.

In Isaiah 43:20 our Lord promises, "I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert." When your spirit is parched by the flames of fear and frustration, God will save you from ruin. Visit your local House of Worship each week. God is always there. May we give Him the consideration He so richly deserves.



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April through October
2nd Wednesday 8 pm

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Pastor Jeffrey Jagers
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Sunday Worship 8:30 & 11 am
Sunday School - Sept. - May 9:45 to 10:45
Sunday Radio Ministry 8 am, 10:11 WQON
Bible Study (Wed.) 10 am

Seventh Day Adventist
Pastor Jeff Arthur
Phone 348-4033

Services held Saturday at Camp AuSable off M-72 East (1st building on right inside camp entrance).
Church Service 9:30 am
Sabbath School 10:30 am
Prayer Meeting Tues. 7 pm

Burning Bush Tabernacle
Pastor Patrick Petrie, 348-1278
501 E. Michigan Ave., Grayling

Sunday School 10 am
Sunday Service & Children's Church 11 am
Sunday Evening Service 6 pm
Monday Prayer Meeting 7 pm
Wednesday Bible Study 7 pm
Thursday Discipleship Class 7 pm
Significant Singles Monday 7 pm

Grayling Assembly of God
Rev. Ron Voelker, Pastor
701 S. 1-75 Business Loop

Church 348-8885 • Parsonage 348-2588
Sunday School 9:30 am
Morning Worship 10:30 am
Evening Service 6 pm
Wednesday - Family Night
Adult-Youth-Children 7 pm

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints
President Larry A. Cook
600 North Elm Street, Gaylord

Sacrament 10 am
Sunday School 11 am
Primary 11 am
Priesthood 12 noon
Relief Society 12 noon

Emma Lowery United Church Of Christ
Pastor, James Briney
3474 West Park Road, Luzerne

Sunday Worship 11 am
Adult and Youth Sunday School 9:30 am

Heritage Baptist
Pastor Ernie Wagner 348-1411
1841 Hartwick Pines Rd.
1/4 mile west of I-75

Sunday School 9:45 am
Morning Worship 11 am
Evening Worship 6 pm
Wednesday 7 pm

St. John Lutheran (ELCA)
710 Spruce Street
348-5224

Sunday School 9:15 am
Sunday Worship 10:30 am
Nursery is available

Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints
Pastor Patricia Fowler
North Down River Rd. at 1030 Glenn Rd.
P.O. Box 1188

Church School 9:45 am
Preaching 11 am
Midweek Service Prayer 7 pm

Gaylord Christian Reformed
Rev. V. Schaap
415 Ohio North, Gaylord

Sunday School 9:45 am
Morning Worship 11 am
Evening Service 6 pm
Wednesday Bible Study 7:30 pm

St. Mary's Roman Catholic Community
Robert W. Nalley, J.V., Pastor
700-708 Peninsular - 348-7657
Sabbath Eucharist

Saturday Vigil Mass 6 pm
Sunday Masses 8:00 am
Family Mass 10:00 am
Scripture Study (Sundays) 9:15 am
Daily Masses 8:30 am

Wednesday & Fridays 7:30 pm

First Baptist Church of Frederic
Pastor Dale Hammond

Sunday School 9:45 am
Morning Worship 11 am
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Wed. Prayer & Bible Study 7 pm
Blessing Radio (uninet) <http://blessing-radio.com>

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Pastor Jimmie McWatters
Grayling Days Inn Conference Room

517-536-7933 • jmwat@freeway.net
Sunday Services 11:00 am

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2600 I-75 Bus. Loop South
348-7611 • Grayling, Mich. 49738

Sunday School 10 am
Worship Service 11 am & 6 pm
Family Training Hour and Prayer
Wednesday 7 pm

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Pastor Fred Coates
506 North Birch St., Kalkaska
(616) 258-3448

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Worship Service 11 am & 6 pm
Family Training Hour and Prayer
Wednesday 7 pm

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No more standing in line for an address change

► Secretary of State now taking address changes through the mail

As of Monday, April 3, Michigan motorists no longer need to visit a Secretary of State branch office to change their address on their driver license or personal identification (ID) card.

A new procedure, designed to improve customer service, is the result of Public Act 118 that took effect on Saturday, April 1.

"One of the most common complaints we receive is that customers have had to make a personal visit to branch offices to change the address on their driver license," Secretary Miller explained. "Last year we processed 700,000 change of address transactions and in a mobile society like ours, when people are constantly moving, it was important that we make the process

easier.

"Changing the law eliminates the necessity for face-to-face contact and we hope that the majority of these 700,000 transactions can now be done by mail," Secretary Miller added.

The new Secretary of State Change of Address Form can be mailed to the Secretary of State's Office:

- Deposited in Secretary of State branch office drop boxes that will be available statewide by the end of April.

Additionally, driver license or ID card change of address can be made using a Voter Registration Application that is delivered to a local election official.

Motorists can obtain the Secretary of State Change of Address Form in the following ways:

- Print the form from the Secretary of State's website: www.sos.state.mi.us; or
- Have the form faxed through

the Secretary of State Fax-on-Demand Service, (517) 335-4FAX.

Voter Registration Applications, which are only available to U.S. citizens, can also be printed from the Secretary of State's web site. They are also available at county, city, township and village clerk's offices, where they must be returned in person or by mail.

If a driver license or ID card holder submits a change of address to the Secretary of State, the address change will be made on the person's voter registration record.

Similarly, if a voter who is licensed to drive submits a voter registration change of address to their local clerk, the address change will be made on their driver license as well.

Regardless of whether the change of address originates at the Secretary of State's Office or with a local election official, the person will receive a new voter ID card from their clerk and a change of address sticker from the Secretary

of State.

While state law requires the same address for voter registration, driver license and ID cards, people who do not receive mail at their residential address or who frequently move and wish to have their mail delivered to an alternative address, will be allowed to provide the clerk or Secretary of State with a separate "mailing address."

The change of address process can be initiated as many times as necessary. There are no fees for requesting a change of address.

"More than 20 years ago, Michigan was the first in the nation to offer citizens the convenience of registering to vote when applying for a driver license," Secretary Miller concluded. "Once again, we are first in the nation to offer citizens the convenience of changing their driver license or ID card address by submitting a Voter Registration Application to any of the 1,700 local election officials around the state."

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The United States Navy's Great Lakes Cruise is officially underway. On March 16, USS Sentry (MCM 3) and USS Kingfisher (MHC 56) left their homeport of Ingleside, Texas enroute to the Great Lakes.

The U.S. Navy ships will kick off the Michigan leg of the cruise with seven port visits from May 19 to June 26. The purpose of this cruise is to bolster recruiting efforts by showcasing the state-of-the-art technology these mine warfare ships use and to promote Navy awareness within the Midwest.

This cruise will serve to bring a glimpse of the Navy's proud her-

itage and history to people in Michigan. Port visits will include tours of the ships and static displays of sophisticated mine neutralization equipment.

Port visits for USS Sentry (MCM 3) will include Bay City (May 19-22) and Sault Ste. Marie (May 23-24). USS Sentry is the third of 14 Avenger-class Mine Countermeasures Ship (MCM). The MCM class of ships have a crew of 76 enlisted and eight officers onboard and are a fully deployable, oceangoing ship.

The USS Kingfisher (MHC 56) will include port visits in Port Huron

(May 25-27); Mackinaw City (May 28-30); Muskegon (June 1-5); Traverse City (June 19-22); and Detroit (June 24-26). USS Kingfisher is the sixth of 12 Osprey-class Coastal Mine Hunter (MHC) ships.

The MHC class of ships has a crew of 46 enlisted and five officers onboard and has a 15-day endurance at sea, relying on support from other ships or shore based facilities for resupply.

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To view pictures of the ships or find more information about mine warfare, log on the Internet at www.cnsi.spear.navy.mil/cmwc/imagine.htm.

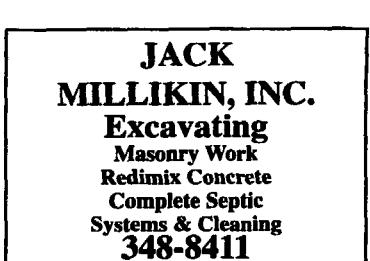
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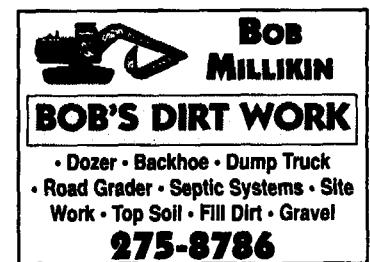
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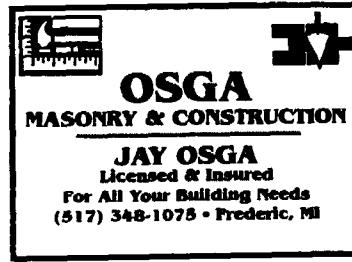
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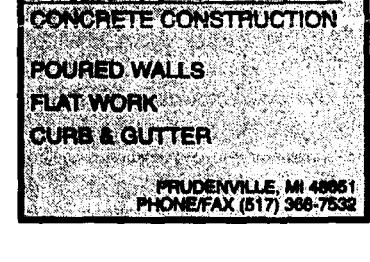
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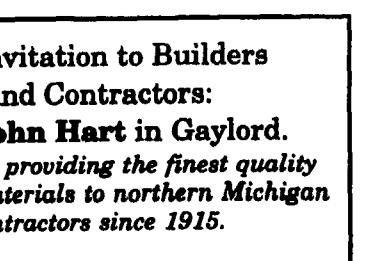
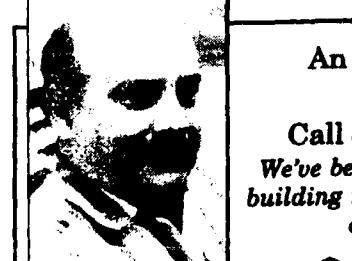
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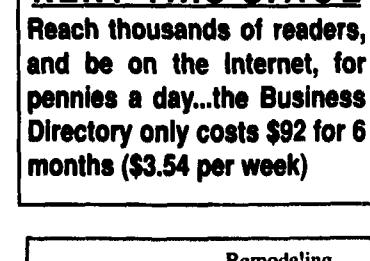
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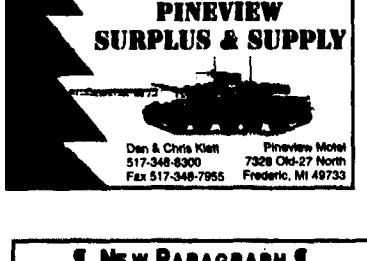
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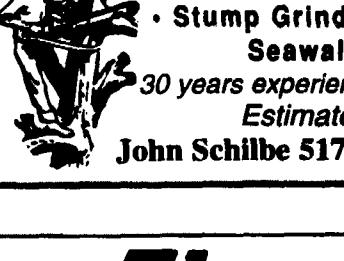
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Maximum household income levels for eligibility in the program range from \$12,525 annual income or \$1,044 monthly income for a single member household to \$42,975 annual income or \$3,581 monthly

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The Lifeline Telephone Assistance Program attempts to make telephone service more

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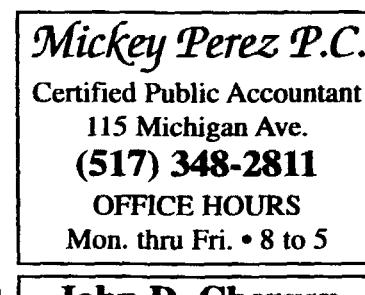
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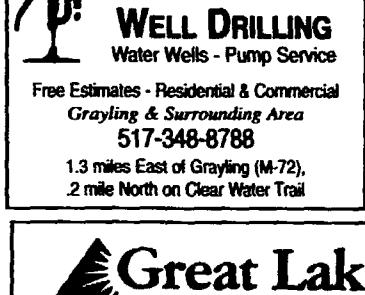
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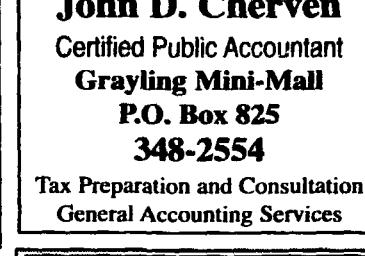
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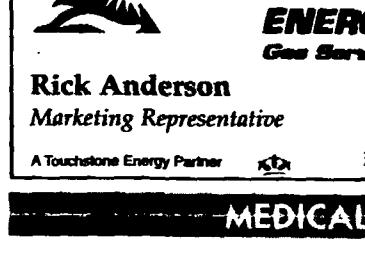
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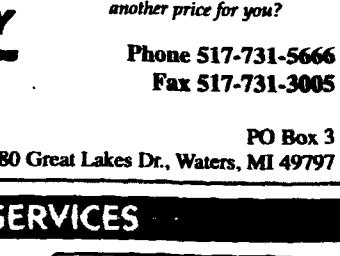
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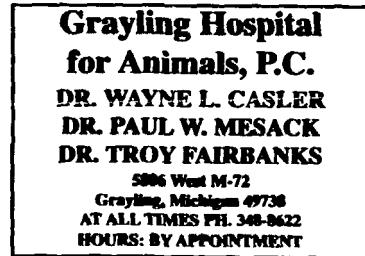
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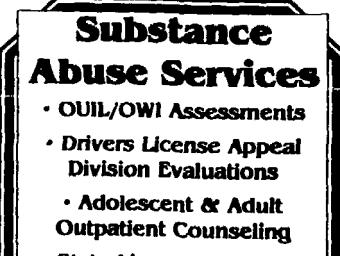
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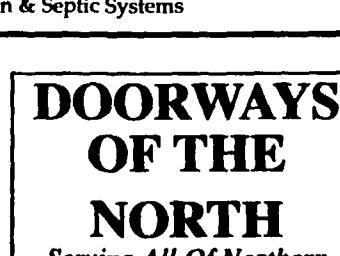
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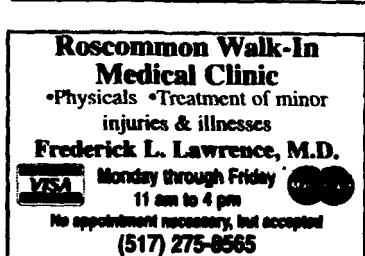
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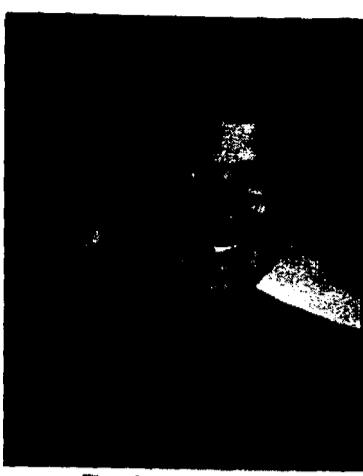


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Local doctor one of ten in nation to participate in study



Dr. Angus Goetz

A study has recently been commissioned by Endotech, a prosthesis

manufacturer, which names ten physicians, nation-wide, to perform ankle replacement procedures using an Endotech product with strict guidelines for patient selection, technique and care.

Angus G. Goetz, DO of Grayling has been named as one of the ten physicians who will be participating in this study.

Dr. Goetz will perform the ankle replacement surgeries at Mercy Hospital Grayling.

The Federal Drug Authority (FDA) will be monitoring this clinical study. In the past, success rates for this procedure have been less than other joint replacement procedures. It is suggested that past poor performance was associated with

previous design of the prosthesis, among several factors.

"Movement in the ankle must be multifaceted as it is the nature of this joint, thus, the prosthesis must accommodate this movement," states Dr. Goetz. "I am hopeful that Endotech's prosthesis will demonstrate a better design in prosthesis which will result in improved quality of life for those undergoing ankle replacement."

Dr. Goetz is currently treating his second patient of the study and has received contacts from patients within Michigan as well as out of state.

For more information regarding this study, contact Dr. Goetz' office at (517) 348-2896.

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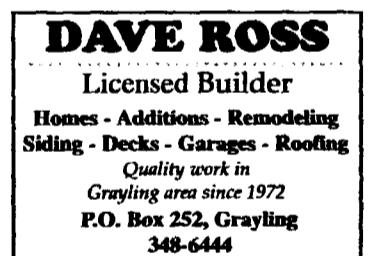


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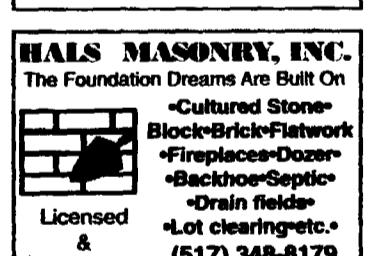


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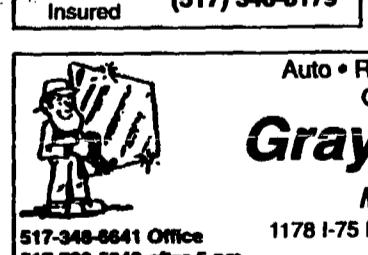


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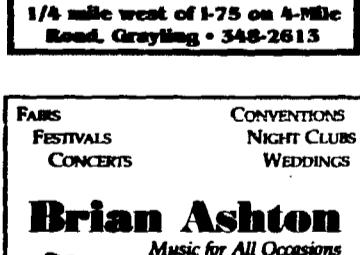
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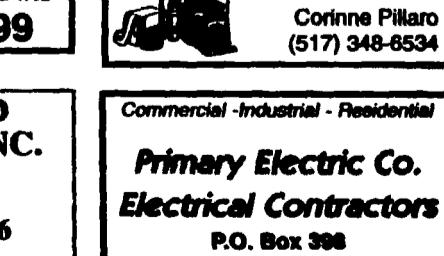
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GHS Senior compete at state Junior Miss in Alpena



Showing her agility and talent in dance, 1999 Grayling Junior Miss Brandi McClain (above) competes in the talent portion of state competition in Alpena late last month. Although neither Grayling representative captured the state title, both young ladies enjoyed a week of Junior Miss activities.

With her saddle nearby, Amanda Love, 1999 Grayling Junior Miss 2nd runner-up, competes in the talent portion of the program, describing a successful ride in Barrel Horse racing competition.



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SENIOR CITIZEN NEWS

by Nova Anderson

Special thought for your week ahead: Friends are like pillars on your porch. Sometimes they hold you up and sometimes they lean on you.

Upcoming events at the Senior Center:

April 12 - Nova & Co. at 12:30 p.m.; birthday dinner at 5 p.m.; COA White Elephant auction at 5:30 p.m.

April 13 - Blood pressure and sugars, 11 a.m. - noon; personal meeting at 4 p.m.; cardo at 5:30 p.m.

April 14 - Pantry Bingo at 1 p.m.

April 16 - Pancake Brunch, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

April 17 - Line dancing at 10 a.m.; Stag guys at noon; Bridge club at 1 p.m.; RSVP ladies at 1 p.m.; Hangman at 5:30 p.m.

April 18 - Finance meeting at 11 a.m.; Euchre club at 1 p.m.; Easter Dinner and Dance with Tina at 5

p.m. (please call for reservations)

April 19 - Hearing clinic by appointment; line dancing at 10 a.m.; stag guys at 12:30 p.m.; Nova & co at 1:30 p.m.; COA Board meeting at 5:30 p.m.

Meals are served at the Senior Center at noon and at 5 p.m. Monday - Thursday; a noon meal is served on Friday.

Please call for reservations at (517) 348-7123 or 1-888-355-4500 so that amounts can be planned, however, walk-ins are welcome.

MENU FOR APRIL 2000

12 - Swiss steak/Hawaiian ham

13 - Herbed chicken/Fish

14 - Beef Chop Suey/No dinner

17 - Maryland chicken/Stuffed cabbage

18 - Hamburger and cheese noodles/ Easter Dinner

19 - Pot roast/Spaghetti with meat.

CRAWFORD COUNTY LIBRARY NEWS

Volunteer of the Year for the Crawford County Libraries is Katherine Gregg of the Lovells Township Library.

Gregg started as a volunteer in the 70's at the Lovells Township Library taking over chairmanship from Phyllis Walker in 1985.

During Gregg's term as Librarian at the Lovells Township Library, she helped expand the library from the original 12 x 13 storage room into 16 x 32 library with two rooms. She also brought a typewriter to the library which allowed her to type cards, pockets and labels for the books, borrower cards and card catalog cards. She organized the non-fiction collection using the Dewey Decimal System.

When a computer replaced the typewriter she set up and maintained databases on the collection, inventory and statistics. All of the improvements and advancements made at the Lovells Township Library were made possible with the help of the many dedicated and responsible volunteers and donors.

Gregg has volunteered her time in

libraries in Crawford County for over 20 years. She volunteered at the Frederic Elementary School Library, Grayling Elementary School Library and Shawano Center Library besides the Lovells Township Library, helping to process books, organized collections, type cards, labels, pockets and file. She also served on the Crawford County Library Board from 1984 to 1996 serving as an information conduit for the two libraries.

• The Crawford County Library is open Monday-Thursday from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., Friday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Telephone: 348-9214. Web site: www.nlc.lib.mi.us/members/crawford/

• The Lovells Township Library is open Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Saturday from 12 noon to 3 p.m. Telephone: 348-9215.

• The Frederic Community Library is open Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Telephone: 348-4067.

RANGE FIRING

Range firing is scheduled during April 12 through April 18.

Range 40 Complex, Air to Ground, located north of County Rd. 612, east of Guthrie Lake, south of Old State Rd. 618 and west of County Rd. F97 (Twin Bridge Rd.).

Small Arms Ranges located west of Lake Margrethe, north of Howe Road, east of the gas pipeline and

south of Portage Creek.

During April and May, controlled burning of underbrush and downed trees will be conducted on Camp Grayling range impact areas, weather permitting and in coordination with the Michigan DNR to reduce further fire danger.

For further information, call (517) 344-6107 or (517) 344-6152/56.

Card of Thanks

We, the family of Bea Tinker, would like to say thank you to some really special people of Grayling: The Northflight crew that brought mom home; thanks for the gentle care; Dr. Douglas Slater, for helping as much as you did and listening to her wishes; to the girls in Amicare-Hospice, starting from the first day to last day at home - all of you were

wonderful angels; to the many people who either called, stopped in, had hugs, cards, food, and much love, thank you all. She will be missed by all.

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Legislative package to combat telemarketing fraud

In February eleven State Senators - Republicans and Democrats, alike - teamed up to crack down on criminal telemarketers.

In March, it became a bicameral effort when a 13 member bipartisan coalition in the House committed themselves to defending Michigan consumers against telephone scam artists who nationally defraud consumers of some \$40 billion every year. The 14-bill legislative package introduced in the House was identical to the legislation introduced in the Senate.

Collectively, the bills now introduced in the House and Senate would provide consumers with effective tools to protect themselves from fast-talking telemarketers by:

Eleven State Senators - Republicans and Democrats, alike - have teamed up to crack down on criminal callers.

• establish a statewide "no call" list within the Michigan Public Service Commission;

• require all solicitors to provide information on how the consumer can remove their name from further solicitation calls;

• require all solicitors to use the

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Program gives tips for handling everyday stress

Stress at home, work and in family life will be discussed at a program entitled "Living with Stress" which will be presented at the Dean C. Burns Community Health Education Center at 360 Connable Avenue in Petoskey across from the main entrance to Northern Michigan Hospital.

The program will be held Tuesday, April 18 from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. The Health Education Center is an outreach of the Northern Michigan Hospital Foundation.

Recognizing detrimental behavioral responses and tips for finding balance in day-to-day life will be discussed along with ways to replace negative behaviors with positive habits.

This program is open to the public and is free-of-charge. For more information, call Health Access at 1-800-248-6777.

"no call" list before making calls in Michigan.

• require that all solicitors, within the first two minutes of the call, clearly identify themselves, the organization for which they are soliciting, the purpose of their call, all costs associated with the sales offering or the percentage of a donation that will actually reach the charitable organization, and a consumer's ability to cancel a sales order within 72 hours of entering into an agreement;

• prohibit solicitors from using electronic blocking to prevent recognition by caller ID units; and

• require all telephone solicitors to obtain a license and post a bond in order to conduct business in Michigan.

"Fraudulent telemarketing is a multi-billion dollar criminal enter-

prise that threatens the dignity and economic security of older people throughout Michigan," said Senator Michael Goschka. "The effort we're announcing today will create a front line of defense against some of the most deceptive practices employed by criminal callers."

Michigan AARP Capitol City Task Force Chairperson Mary Aikey applauded introduction of the Senate bills. "AARP has long championed the introduction and passage of legislation that requires the registration, licensure and bonding of all telemarketers operating in Michigan. Many states - including neighboring Illinois, Indiana, Minnesota, Ohio and Wisconsin - already have such laws on the books."

"Law enforcement's efforts to police questionable practices in the

telemarketing industry are too often frustrated by an inability to acquire information about the identity and location of the businesses employing phone solicitors," she said. "Mandatory registration and licensure addresses this issue head-on. Further, requiring telemarketing businesses to obtain surety bonds in order to do business in the State will guarantee that there will be a minimum amount of money available to compensate consumers if they are injured by the telemarketers' practices.

"Fraudulent telemarketers use the phone every day to steal the life savings of unsuspecting people. Through education and legislation, we can help beat the criminal caller. That's a mission to which AARP is absolutely committed," Aikey concluded.

Public opinion sought on deer management

People interested in how Michigan's deer herd should be managed can voice their opinion at eight regional meetings to be held around the state.

Locally, a meeting will be held on April 27 at the Treelops Sylvan Resort and Convention Center, 3962 Wilkinson Road, Gaylord. Call (517) 731-0272 for a map.

The meeting is sponsored by the Michigan United Conservation Clubs (MUCC) in cooperation with

MUCC has asked MSU

Extension to prepare a report summarizing the contents of the regional meetings. The report will be sent to the MDNR and the Michigan Natural Resources Commission for consideration before the opening of the deer hunting season.

More information about the meeting can be obtained from Justin Hall, MSU Extension wildlife agent, by calling (517) 241-3944, or from Adam Bump at MUCC by calling (517) 346-6484.

Camp's bill would increase organ donation

Rep. Dave Camp (R-MI) introduced legislation today that will reduce the regulatory burden on Organ Procurement Organizations (OPOs). OPOs play a critical role in procuring and placing organs. These agencies are not responsible for determining recipients or organs, however, they are responsible for harvesting, preserving, and transporting organs. In addition to these functions, OPOs provide information to the medical community and the general public to encourage organ and tissue donation to increase the availability for organs for transplantation.

"Each day, 57 people receive an organ transplant and it's because of the tireless efforts of the OPOs that those transplants take place," Camp said. "This legislation will help to alleviate the regulatory burden on OPOs, restore fairness to the certification process used by the Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA), so that these organizations can continue to make saving lives their number one priority."

Current regulations require that OPOs go through a recertification process every two years. The population-based performance measure used by HCFA has been widely criticized by the Institute of Medicine, the General Accounting Office and the Harvard School of Public Health as being significantly flawed for assessing performance. The certification process also lacks a provision for corrective action plans and does not allow for any appeal.

The legislation introduced by Camp would require that HCFA update its measurement process, expand the certification period to four years and allow for a corrective action period and an appeals process. Representatives Nancy Johnson (R-CT), Rob Portman (R-OH), Robert Matsui (D-CA), Frank Pallone (D-NJ), and Dennis Moore (D-KS) joined Congressman Camp as original cosponsors of the bill.

A second chance for at risk youth

Michigan Youth ChalleNGe Academy will be holding an orientation for class 2000-I at the Marshall Street Armory, Battle Creek, April 22 at 10 a.m. This orientation is being held to familiarize mid Michigan residents with the new program and to make application for the next class, which will convene July 23.

Anyone needing assistance on completing application packets or information concerning The Michigan Youth ChalleNGe Academy can contact any Army National Guard representative.

The Michigan Youth ChalleNGe Academy is a 22-week resident course designed to help high school drop-outs get a GED or high school diploma, improve life skills and improve the chance of employment

through military-style discipline. In addition to 400 hours of classroom instruction, cadets receive leadership, self-discipline, physical and vocational training. Cadets also perform a minimum of 32 hours of community service and earn eight hours of college credit from Kalamazoo Valley Community College.

The Michigan Youth ChalleNGe Academy is administered by the Michigan National Guard and is open to any Michigan high school drop-out, 16 to 18 years old, without a felony conviction.

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The bride-to-be is a graduate of Grayling High School.

She works in the accounting

department of Glen's Market in Gaylord.

The groom-to-be is a graduate of Rochester High School. He works for Shawn Thomas Tree Service.

The wedding is planned for April 15, 2000 at Bear Lake Christian Church.

HOMETOWN NEWS

Daisi Eleanor Rouse was born October 22, 1999. She was 5 pounds, 15 3/4 ounces and 18 inches long. She is the daughter of Tanya Rice and Bob Rouse.

Her grandparents are Dan and Sharon Rice of Grayling and Niel and Shirley Rouse. Her great-grandparents are Walt and Eleanor Roe of Bellaire.

He is survived by two sons, John (Nan) Stindt of Troy and Thomas (Barbara) Stindt of San Antonio, Texas; three grandchildren, Stephen J. Stindt, Elizabeth A. Stindt and Susan J. Stindt; one sister, Lydia Hawkes of Madison, Wisconsin.

A memorial service will be held at noon, June 10 at St. Francis Episcopal Church. Burial will be in Elmwood Cemetery, Grayling.

Memorials should be directed to St. Francis Episcopal Church Memorial Fund or The Andrew Stindt Scholarship Fund, c/o Athens High School, Troy, MI 48098.

Arrangements by: Sorenson Funeral Home, Inc., McEvers Chapel.

Wanda B. Clark

Mar 18, 1903 - Apr 9, 2000

Wanda B. Clark, 97, of Higgins Lake died Sunday at Mercy Hospital.

Mrs. Clark was born in Detroit, the daughter of Louis and Amelia (McDonald) Barie. She married Elmer Clark in 1933 in Detroit. She moved to Higgins Lake in 1978.

She was a homemaker who enjoyed sewing and gardening. She was known for her sense of humor.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Elmer in 1980, and one sister.

She is survived by one niece, Joan (Frank) Flees of Rochester Hills; three nephews, Robert (Gay) Fehlberg of Holly, John (Sue) Fehlberg of Romeo and James (Sandy) Fehlberg of Melbourne, Florida.

A Memorial Mass will be held on April 15 at 1 p.m. at St. Hubert Catholic Church, 7612 W. Higgins Lake Drive with Sister Chris officiating.

Arrangements by: Sorenson Funeral Home, Inc., McEvers Chapel.

Emma J. Bennett

Emma J. Bennett, of Grayling, who died December 28, 1999, will be buried at 1 p.m. Thursday, April 13, in Elmwood Cemetery.

OBITUARIES

Elmer J. Stindt

Jun 21, 1911 - Mar 23, 2000
Elmer J. Stindt, 88, of Grayling died at Munson Medical Center, Traverse City.

Mr. Stindt was born in Menominee, Wisconsin the son of Otto and Dora (Wehrs) Stindt. He married the former Mary H. Hopcroft April 26, 1940 in Detroit.

He moved to Grayling in 1975 from Highland Park. He was a member of St. Francis Episcopal Church.

Mr. Stindt taught school in Detroit for 30 years. Upon retirement he worked for the Michigan Department of Social Services for 10 years.

He was a volunteer at Camp Shawano tutoring young men in math and English. He was active at St. Francis Episcopal Church and always enjoyed making potato pancakes at the Shrove Tuesday dinner.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, Mary on October 28, 1999 and also by a loved grandson Andrew R. Stindt, June 3, 1997.

He is survived by two sons, John (Nan) Stindt of Troy and Thomas (Barbara) Stindt of San Antonio, Texas; three grandchildren, Stephen J. Stindt, Elizabeth A. Stindt and Susan J. Stindt; one sister, Lydia Hawkes of Madison, Wisconsin.

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Arrangements by: Sorenson Funeral Home, Inc., McEvers Chapel.

Irene Rachel Stephan

Nov 30, 1913 - Apr 5, 2000
Irene Rachel Stephan, 86, of Cadillac died Wednesday at her home.

Mrs. Stephan was born in Grayling, the daughter of John W. and Signe (Nielson) Randolph. She married Stanley G. Stephan February 7, 1937 in Grayling.

Mrs. Stephan was an active member of the United Methodist Church in Cadillac. She enjoyed volunteer work at Mercy Hospital. She and her husband founded Stephan's Drug Store in 1945. She owned and operated Irene's Cards and Gifts.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Stanley in November 1990, and one brother, Byron Randolph.

She is survived by one son, Michael (Bonnie) Stephan of Cadillac; one daughter, Kay (Ronald) Walker of Springfield, Virginia; grandchildren, Mari Stephan of Portage, Kathryn Stephan of Cadillac, Michelle (Eric) Davis of Northville, and Kerstin (Tom) Crutchfield of Ashburn, Virginia; several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held Saturday at the United Methodist Church with Rev. Allen McCready and Parish Assistant Judy Coffey officiating. Burial was in Elmwood Cemetery, Grayling.

Memorial tributes should be directed to the American Cancer Society, United Methodist Church, or the Arthritis Foundation of Michigan.

Arrangements by: Hitesman Funeral Home, Cadillac.

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April 25, 1998

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great-grandbabies.

Card of Thanks

I want to express my gratitude to the people of Crawford County. On Tuesday, March 21, my wife had a massive stroke on I-75 a few miles south of Grayling. Two vehicles stopped to help us. The three men in one of the vehicles called 911 and began CPR immediately. Within five minutes, the North Flight paramedic, Paul Owens, was on the scene, closely followed by the North Flight Ambulance team of Ted May and Greg Hanes.

My wife had been suffering from many medical problems and we were prepared with a living will and medical directive. The paramedic and ambulance crew were outstandingly efficient and courteous. Under these very stressful conditions it was a great help to have their guidance and thoughtfulness, as well as the care and concern shown by the gentlemen in the two vehicles who stopped to give roadside aid. The North Flight crew arranged to have the medical examiner, Dr. William McNamara, come to the site to save my family additional stress.

Although the loss of my wife of over 58 years is very painful, her suffering had been extreme and I was grateful for the consideration that all showed me. The ambulance crew escorted us to the Sorenson Funeral Home in Grayling, where arrangements were handled promptly and sensitively by Dean Meyer.

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KCC instructor named to national writers' board

Gerry LaFemina, English Department Instructor of writing and literature at Kirtland Community College has been elected to the Board of Directors of the Associated Writing Programs (AWP). The AWP is a nonprofit organization that serves writers and educational programs for writers.

LaFemina was elected by general membership; both individuals and institutions comprise the association's membership - 18,000 writers, teachers and students; 50 conferences and centers for writers; and the 312 creative writing programs of colleges and universities in the U.S., Canada and the U.K.

AWP's mission is to foster literary talent and achievement, to advance the art of writing as an essential component to a good education, and to serve the makers, teachers, students, and readers of contemporary literature.

LaFemina was one of two new members elected to the 12 person board, and he will serve a four-year term.

His main concern will be the organization's work with two-year schools, an issue he is well versed in. For the last two years he's coordinated the association's ad hoc two-year school caucus.

Richard Silverman, Kirtland Vice President for Instruction, said "Gerry becomes the only community college person on this national board. His appointment was partially based on the fact that he implemented one of the only community college associate degree programs in the fine and performing arts. And, his presence on the board will give it a sorely needed voice for and perspective about community colleges."

Most of LaFemina's concerns for two-year writing programs come

from his work at Kirtland.

For the last six years he has taught writing and literature at KCC while working to help make Kirtland one of North Central Michigan's "art hot spots."

With KCC Art Director Joe Donna, LaFemina helped create the Associate degree in Fine Arts programs in Creative Writing and Studio Arts; he developed the national literary arts magazine *Controlled Burn* on which students work; he initiated the popular *Controlled Burn* Reading Series which has over the past several years brought nationally-known poets and fiction writers to the campus; he organizes the annual *Writer's Harvest for Hunger Relief* reading in Traverse City; and, he directs the popular *Controlled Burn* Seminar for Young Writers - an intensive, week-long summer program for high-school aged writers.

LaFemina says about his work: "I have a very punk rock work ethic - D.I.Y. which means do it yourself. Growing up, I played in bands and worked with people who put on shows and put out records because nobody else was going to do it. That's a community. That's a scene. I believe in poetry and fiction - so I work hard as a literary citizen."

The AWP is hoping that some of that "punk rock" activism is used for the organization.

But, even with all that he does for the literary community up north, LaFemina still finds time to write and publish.

Since his arrival at Kirtland, he's published four collections of poetry: *The City of Jazz and Punk*, *23 Below*, *A Print of Wildflowers*, and *Shattered Hours: Poems 1988-94*. And he has published essays, stories and poems in nationally-reputed magazines.

Turkey enthusiasts wanted for membership in MWTHA

Yes, there is a new kid on the block -- the Michigan Wild Turkey Hunter's Association (MWTHA). The group has been in existence since spring 1996, with four chapters covering the northeast and northwest sections of Michigan's lower peninsula.

Although the association is fairly new, it is also among the oldest chapters established in Michigan. MWTHA organized at a time when wild turkeys were found in just a few locations within the state and were on the decline. MWTHA established winter surveys and a uniform winter feeding program to help count turkeys and increase pop-

ulation.

The group's sole purpose is to feed wild turkeys during the heavy winter snowfalls. By doing this, the MWTHA hopes to provide a quality hunt in the area.

Funds for the feeding do not come from the DNR. Each chapter provides its own funds through raffles, workshops and donations. All funds received are used to purchase corn and plant habitat for the wild turkeys.

None of the funds leave the state. Rather, they stay in the area to help pay to improve and increase the local turkey population. Last year the MWTHA fed 40,000 turkeys

with 300,000 lbs of corn.

Locally, Bill Fenwick and the AuSable River Valley Chapter cover the area east of I-75 and north of M-55 to the Straits. Fenwick can be reached at (517) 826-3474.

Jim Maturen and the Pere Marquette Chapter cover the area west of I-75 and south of M-72. Maturen can be reached at (231) 832-2575.

Rick Riley and the Traverse Bay Chapter cover the area west of I-75 and north of M-72 to the Straits. Riley can be reached at (231) 549-2705.

The Grand Rapids and Muskegon areas are covered by Rick Hamilton

and the Kenowa Beards and Spurs Chapter. Hamilton can be reached at (616) 247-1633.

Anyone wishing to learn more about MWTHA, join one of the chapters, or start a new chapter, may call any of the above mentioned phone numbers. There is a \$10 annual membership fee to help with state administrative costs. Each chapter also has its own fee used toward expenses.

No state or chapter officer receives any funds. All work is voluntary and done with a smile and a handshake, and MWTHA membership boasts they have the best and hardiest wild turkey in the U.S.A.

Area hospital offers Diabetes Education Classes

Free Diabetes Education Classes will be offered at Otsego Memorial Hospital (OMH) in Gaylord during the month of May.

Classes are intended for persons with diabetes, family members, friends and/or caretakers, who have not had the opportunity to attend the classes in the past.

Anyone who has attended in the past and would like to repeat one or more sessions should call ahead of time at (517) 731-2193. Class size is limited and OMH reserves the

right to offer the sessions to those who have not had the opportunity to attend in the past.

All classes are held in the OMH boardroom and pre-registration is required by calling (517) 731-2193.

Class schedule is:

• Session I: May 1, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. - Introduction: "The Basics," Learn about diabetes and how to live with it.

• Session II: May 8, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. - The "Nuts & Bolts" of Diabetes and Nutrition. Learn about

carbohydrate counting and exchanges.

• Session III: May 15, from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. - Heart Disease: "What You Need to Know;" also, from 8 p.m. to 9 p.m. - Medications & Insulin: "How They Affect You."

• Session IV: May 22, from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. - Exercise: "A Necessary Tool for Good Control;" also, from 8 p.m. to 9 p.m. - Foot Care: "Don't Take Anything for Granted."

A diabetes grocery store tour with a registered dietitian will be sched-

uled soon after the class series has ended. Pre-registration is required. Please call for specific date, time and location of the tour.

The Diabetes Support Group meets the second Monday of every month at 7 p.m. in the OMH Cafeteria Annex. Everyone is welcome. No pre-registration is required for support group meetings.

Social Security is important to women

Although Social Security is a vital force to all members of American society, it is especially important to women for a number of reasons.

First, if a woman works outside of the home, her tax contributions to the Social Security program may provide her with retirement, survivors and disability coverage based on her own Social Security record.

Secondly, besides covering a woman in her role as a worker,

Social Security also covers her in her roles as a wife, mother or widow.

She may be able to receive spouse's benefits on her husband's account when he retires.

She may be able to receive benefits based on caring for a child who is under the age of 16 or disabled. And she may be able to receive widow's benefits at age 60, or as early as 50 if she is disabled.

Since women live longer than men, they rely more on Social

Security's protection of income for a greater period of time.

Unlike other insurance policies, Social Security's annual cost-of-living increases also provide women with a good hedge against inflation.

For more information on how Social Security affects women, call our toll-free number, 1-800-772-1213, and ask for the booklet, *Social Security: What Every Woman Should Know*. Copies are also available from www.ssa.gov on the Internet.

Free programs and services offered to MS victims

Local residents with multiple sclerosis (MS) can receive a wide array of free, direct support services that range from information to therapeutic equipment through the Multiple Sclerosis Association of America (MSAA).

MSAA services include educational literature, a national lending library program that exceeds 100 titles, no-cost MRIs for people suspected of having MS, cool suits to help reduce symptoms, wheelchairs and scooters, support groups, and programs designed to link clients together via mail, phone, or com-

puter.

Heading into its 30th year, MSAA is a national nonprofit organization dedicated to meeting the day-to-day needs of people with multiple sclerosis. Multiple sclerosis is a chronic and often crippling disease of the central nervous system (CNS) that affects an estimated 350,000 Americans.

Individuals with MS experience a loss of myelin, insulation which covers the nerves. Myelin is then replaced with scar tissue. This scar tissue "short-circuits" messages traveling between the brain and

body. The result is a loss of body function that can produce symptoms such as blindness, loss of coordination and balance, and impaired mobility.

At present there is no known cause or cure for MS. The disease, however, is not fatal, contagious or hereditary.

For more information about free programs and services for MS sufferers, call 1-800-LEARN MS, log on to www.msaa.com or write to Multiple Sclerosis Association of America, 706 Haddonfield Road, Cherry Hill, NJ 08002.

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KCC Summer/Fall registration dates set

Residents of the Kirtland Community College district (Crawford, Roscommon, Ogemaw and Oscoda counties) are advised to watch their mailboxes this week for the delivery of Kirtland's summer/fall schedule of classes.

Stacey Thompson, Kirtland Registrar, says that in the event a resident does not receive a copy, he or she will be able to pick one up at the Admissions Office on the Kirtland campus, 10775 N. St. Helen Road. Persons may also call (517) 275-5000, ext. 284 and have a schedule mailed to them.

"If you're going to attend Kirtland this summer or fall," said Thompson, "you will really want to read a schedule right away; it will answer many questions for you and

give you information which will save you time and effort when you register."

The early, regular and late registration dates for summer/fall semesters is:

- April 17 - 20: 9 a.m. - 6:30 p.m. Early registration for the summer and/or fall semesters for returning students.

- April 24 - 27: 9 a.m. - 6:30 p.m. and April 28: 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. early registration for the summer and/or fall semesters for new and returning students (open).

- June 1: 9 a.m. - 6:30 p.m. and June 2: 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. regular summer/early fall registration (open).

- June 5 - 6: 9 a.m. - 6:30 p.m. late summer/early fall registration (open).

- June 5: Summer semester begins.

- July 10 - 11 and July 17 - 18: 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. early fall registration (open).

- August 28 - 29: 9 a.m. - 6:30 p.m. late fall registration (open).

- August 28: fall semester begins.

Thompson urged new students to call now to apply for admission to Kirtland. "There are a number of steps a new student must go through to register," said Thompson, "but, the first is filling out an application form and returning it to the College. This should be done now. The Student Service Office personnel

will help new students and give them all the information they need and the documents they have to have. The process is much, much easier when it is started early."

In addition to the listing of available courses, the summer/fall class schedule also includes information about applying and registering for college, orientation, tuition, placement testing, financial aid, course fees, honors classes, continuing education courses, academic advising, special courses such as on-line Internet courses and telecourses, tutoring, bookstore, and much more.

For more information about attending Kirtland, please call (517) 275-5000, ext. 284 or see the College's web site on the Internet: www.kirtland.cc.mi.us/

Summer's hottest country concerts are at Interlochen

The Interlochen Arts Festival announces its eagerly awaited country line-up, part of its 2000 "Summer Collection." Variety best describes the Interlochen shows: female singing great Wynonna, top male star Randy Travis, the legendary Willie Nelson, and western swing sensations Asleep at the Wheel opening for the always classy Kathy Mattea.

All performances take place at 8 p.m. in the open-air Kresge Auditorium.

The Arts Festival opens with one of the most recognizable voices in country music, Wynonna, performing Thursday, June 8. Her soulful, spirited string of hits includes such smashes as *She is His Only Need*.

Card of Thanks

The family of Larry "Stick" Eckardt Sr. would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to (at the scene) David, Annette, an off duty paramedic and the Mercy Ambulance Crew. In addition, we would like to thank The Eagles' Club, our volunteer DJ, family, friends and numerous other guests. Your "hugs" cards, generous donations and kind words were a blessing to our family at this time of loss. His presence and smile will be missed by all.

The Eckardt Family

Interlochen continues its country line-up with the ever-popular Willie Nelson at Wednesday, July 19. This consummate performer constantly brings new energy and material to each concert, but doesn't forget the classics like *Crazy* and *On the Road Again*. Nelson's latest album, *Night and Day* is an instrumental compilation of some of his favorite songs.

Ticket prices range from \$19.50 to \$36.50.

Next,

Randy Travis makes his

northern Michigan debut Thursday,

June 22.

Nearly 15 years after his

rise to country music superstardom,

Randy Travis remains at the top of

his game with his new album, *A Man Ain't Made of Stone*.

In addition to his full-time music career,

Travis has also performed in such

films as *The Rainmaker*, *Black Dog* and *Fire Down Below*.

Ticket prices

range from \$29.50 to \$44.50.

Last, but certainly not least,

Friday, August 18, will see two acts,

Asleep at the Wheel and Kathy

Mattea, at Interlochen. Asleep at the

Wheel has been swinging and free-

wheeling for nearly three decades.

Kathy Mattea is entering her 17th

year as a recording artist with all 11

of her albums still in print and still

selling steadily. Two of them are

Grammy Award winners: five of

them are gold records.

Ticket prices range from \$17.50

to \$32.50.

The entire summer season includes nearly 40 guest artists and will be announced Friday, April 21, with order forms available in that day's *Traverse City Record-Eagle*. Forms may be mailed or faxed to the Interlochen Box Office. Box office phones and windows, as well as the ticket counter at the Traverse City Convention and Visitors Bureau, open Monday, May 15.

To get on Interlochen's mailing list, call the Box Office at (231) 276-6230; write the Interlochen Box Office at P.O. Box 199, Interlochen, MI 49643-0199; send a fax, (231) 276-7444; or visit Interlochen on the web at www.interlochen.org. Please provide your name and address.

Congressman Camp votes for emergency TB plan

Last week, Congressman Dave Camp voted for legislation calling attention to the bovine tuberculosis problem in Michigan, which threatens Michigan's dairy and cattle farmer.

The bill, H.R. 3908, urges the U.S. Department of Agriculture to address the problem of bovine tuberculosis in Michigan. Cattle infected with bovine TB is becoming one of Michigan's top agricultural challenges.

Cattle are infected with bovine TB virus from deer.

The state of Michigan has been very active in eradication strategies and containment strategies, but with the deer overpopulation and mild winters year after year, the deer population continues to grow and cattle continue to face exposure to the disease.

H.R. 3908 calls on the USDA to develop a strategy for epidemiology and surveillance, deer ecology, epidemiological risk analysis, disease control and eradication, and diagno-

sis and pathogenesis. The bill also requires the USDA to report to Congress by May 1 on its plan of action and any additional funds needed to accomplish its goals.

Camp and fellow Michigan Representatives contacted USDA Secretary Dan Glickman after House passage of the bill, urging the Department to promptly submit its plan of action to Congress and to work closely with the Michigan Congressional delegation on a bovine TB strategy.

In agriculture spending legislation passed last year, Camp led an effort to obtain \$200,000 for a new research project to study the control and eradication of bovine TB and how to make testing less burdensome for farmers.

Earlier this year, Camp and the Michigan Congressional delegation sent a request to the House Appropriations Committee for an additional \$7.5 million in funding for testing, research, compensation to affected farmers, and inspection.

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Skate Park event....5-6B

Thursday, April 13, 2000

Little League: baseball, families, and fun

Grayling League now taking registrations



► Application deadline for this season will be Friday, April 21

Grayling Little League is currently accepting registrations for the 2000 season, until April 21.

To register a child, parents need to: complete a registration form, provide a copy of a state certified birth certificate, and pay a \$45 registration fee. (The fee includes two fund-raising "home run cards" parents can sell for \$10 apiece for a \$20 refund.) Completed forms should be turned in to Sylvester's of Grayling, located on M-72 West across the street from DuBois Lumber.

A child's little league age is determined by the child's age on July 31. Grayling Little League assigns players to the following age divisions:

A. Junior Baseball: ages 13 & 14; B. Major Baseball: ages 11 & 12; C. Intermediate Baseball: ages 9 & 10; D. Minor Baseball: 7 & 8; E. Senior Softball: 13 to 15; F. Major Softball: 9 to 12.

Minor Softball (ages 7 & 8) and Senior Baseball (ages 15 & 16) will be determined.

Little League tryouts will be held at Millikin Field on Saturday, April 22, according to the following schedule: Junior Baseball at 9 a.m.; Major Baseball at 10 a.m., and Intermediate/Minor Baseball at 11 a.m.

The late registration period this year will be April 23-29, and will require an additional late fee of \$10.

Draft night will be held on April 30.

Registration questions may be directed to Grayling Little League President Rich Alexander at (517) 348-5709 or Player Agent Dee VanNuck at (517) 348-3114.

Grayling Little League Board of Directors members are: Rich
Continued on Page 2B; See "LITTLE LEAGUE..."



Batter up. The 2000 Grayling Little League season is almost here. Registration is now underway, and will continue until April 21.

21. There will be a late registration period (April 23-29), but it will cost you another \$10 to sign up late. Tryouts will be held on April 22, draft night is April 30, and games start in May. An application to play Little League is available on Page 2B.

(Below) Grayling Little League players Kelsey Gilbert (left) and Adam Gilbert (right), with mom Karen Gilbert.



As usual, Little League will feature several age divisions this year, in baseball and softball. Little League age is determined by a child's age on July 31. To register for Little League, return application forms to Sylvester's of Grayling. (Left) Prior to the 1999 season, Big League Baseball team members met with members of the team's sponsor: American Legion.

(Below) Little League softball players Chelsea Wolcott and Katie Bayham.



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Softball _____

Player's Name _____

Street Address _____

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Phone No. _____

Participation in Little League baseball requires the ability to run, throw, swing a bat and catch a ball. Additionally, participation requires the capacity to understand the rules of the game. Does your child have any current condition that limits his/her ability to participate in this activity? Yes _____ No _____

If "yes," please explain and identify any modification that would enable your child to participate _____

Please provide information about allergies or medical conditions that the team should have in case of emergency: _____

I/We, the parent(s) of the above named candidate for a position on a Little League team, hereby give my/our approval to participate in any and all Little League activities, including transportation to and from the activities.

I/We know that participation in baseball or softball may result in serious injuries and protective equipment does not prevent all injuries to players, and do hereby waive, release, absolve, indemnify and agree to hold harmless the local Little League, Little League Baseball, Inc., the organizers, sponsors, participants and persons transporting my/our child to and from activities for any claim arising out of any injury whether the result of negligence or for any other cause, except to the extent and in the amount covered by accident or liability insurance.

I/We agree to return upon request the uniform and other equipment issued to my/our child in as good a condition as when received except for normal wear and tear.

I/We will furnish a certified birth certificate of the above named candidate to League Officials.

Parent(s) or Guardian Signature(s): _____

School _____

Name of Family Hospitalization Plan: _____

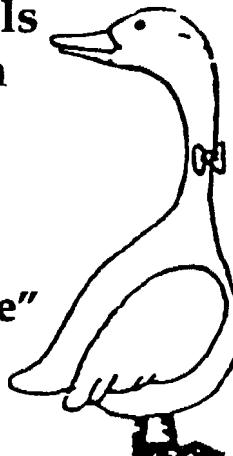
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Parent's Occupation: _____

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Little League now taking registrations

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Alexander - President: Todd Hernandez - Intermediate Division Vice President: Dee VanNuck - Treasurer, Player Agent: Duane VanDrese - Big league/American Legion V.P.: Mike Lang - Junior Division V.P.: Rocky Rockhold -

Major Division V.P., Umpire: Lynn Ferrigan - Minor Division V.P.: Sandy Baynham - Softball Division V.P.; Scott Feldhauser - Equipment Manager: Richard Schmidt - Field Maintenance: Brian Burrell - Special Projects: Frank Foguth - Special Projects: Ken Helsel - Special Projects: James Tobin - Past President: Tammy Cook and Natasha McCuan - Concession Volunteers.

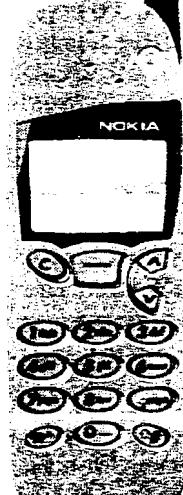
(Right) Little League players Bethany Cornell (left), Brian Hagerman (right) and Travis Cornell (bottom) with grandmother Joan Cornell. (Below) The Kernstock Construction team, coached by Paul VanNuck, goes "hats off."



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(Above, left to right) D.J. Metzer, Annette Metzer, and Darrell Metzer. (Right) Catching a fly ball.

Field trip takes students back in time

Twelve Grayling Elementary School classes took trips to Hartwick Pines State Park, March 20-22, to learn how maple syrup is made. Park Interpreter Ann Stephens and Park Historian Rob Burg prepared a thorough presentation for the third and fifth grade students, from the old-time process of tapping maple trees to the boil-down method.

Students participated in other pioneer activities inside the Interpretive Center and reported they enjoyed the hands-on lessons of the entire experience. The trip to Hartwick Pines was part of National Reading Month activities and coincided with the Pioneer Theme selected by the Parents Group.



THERE'S A DIFFERENCE - Hartwick Pines historian Rob Burg shows fifth graders the different colorations of maple syrup. Some are light amber and others are dark.



mighty load - Patrick Belcher volunteered to carry the sap back from the woods.



STEAMY SCENE - Colleen Fleischmann and Jess Fairbotham (above) boil down maple sap at Hartwick Pines State Park.



TOOLS OF THE TRADE - (Above) Students look over the tools they will need before venturing into the woods to tap trees using methods of the early pioneers.

BOWLING LEAGUE

		American Men's	
Forrest Brothers	68 - 30	R & M Masonry 17 - 35
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Helsel Forest Products	54 - 44	High Game: N. Glasslee. 205; S. Romain, 198; L. Dannenberg, 189.
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CSI Ind. Systems	37 - 61	Tri-County Meats 33 - 19
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High Game	T. Kotrash. 252; M. Keir, 233; L. Helsel, 233.	Glen's Market 28 - 24
High Series	M. Keir, 599; T. Kotrash, 577; Lar. Davis 551.	Gray Rock Café 25.5 - 26.5
Friday Mixed Doubles	33.5 - 22.5	Scheer Motors 25 - 27
Aunt Bettys	22.5 - 23	Peterson Saw Service 19 - 33
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Charlies Country Corner	31 - 25	High Game: K. Schneider, 189; D. Mead, 188; P. Everson, 181.
R. Calkins & Sons	27 - 29	High Series: P. Everson, 511; K. Schmidt, 502; D. Mead, 496.
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Moshier Auto Repair	20.5 - 35.5	Tees 'N' Such 'R' Us 74 - 42
High Game Men	M. Campbell, 211; J. Campbell, 210; C. Wilson, 196.	Sylvester's Spots 68 - 48
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High Game Women	K. Moshier, 194; D. Calkins, 182; D. Medina, 181.	Tri-County Meats 56.5 - 59.5
High Series Women	K. Moshier, 497; D. Medina, 495; J. Hinds, 483.	Baynham Wood Prod. 51.5 - 64.5
Northwood	Northwood	Cornell Realty 51 - 65
American Legion	American Legion 34 - 18	Buccilis Pizza 50 - 66
R. Calkins & Sons	R. Calkins & Sons 34 - 18	Flowers By Josie 48.5 - 67.5
Shady Acres Party Store	Shady Acres Party Store 33 - 19	High Game Men: H. Ingram, 233; K. Harris, 206; L. Essiambre, 202.
Rochettes	32 - 20	High Series Men: H. Ingram, 577; K. Harris, 522; A. Smith, 498.
Pro Tree	26 - 26	High Game Women: D. Mead, 187; V. Westover, 187; M. Ryss, 185.
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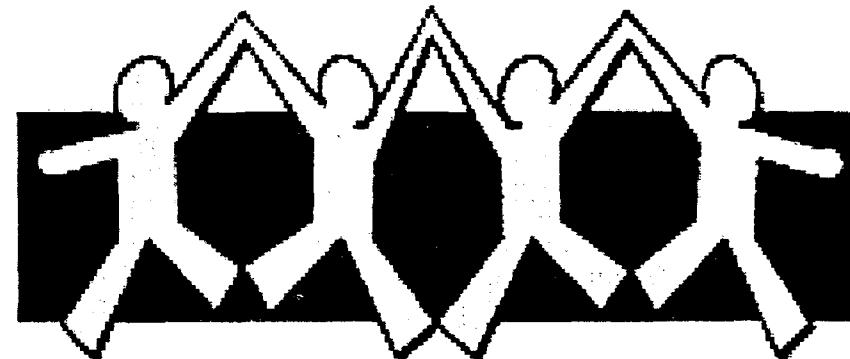
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GMS cheerleaders attend clinic



The Grayling Middle School cheerleaders attended the Champion Cheerleading Clinic in Houghton Lake earlier in the season. (Pictured) The Grayling Middle School cheerleaders and clinic instructors.

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GHS spring sports teams start seasons

► Most Grayling teams to play home openers, season openers this week

The high school spring sports season is here.

"Opening Day" for both the Grayling High School varsity baseball and softball teams will be Wednesday, April 12. The squads will open their seasons with Boyne City at home on April 12, at 4 p.m. The teams will play at Kalkaska on Friday, April 14, then will return to Grayling for a home series against the Roscommon Bucks. The first game will start at 4 p.m. (GHS baseball and softball teams play doubleheaders.)

After a couple away matches, the GHS varsity girls soccer team will play its home opener on Friday, April 14, at 5 p.m. against the Panthers of Standish-Sterling. The team will be playing its home games in Viking Stadium this season, and there will be an admission charge at the gate to see the lady Vikes in action.

The GHS boys and girls track teams will open their meet schedule at Roscommon on Wednesday, April 12. The teams will open their seasons with Boyne City at home on April 12, at 4 p.m. The teams will play at Kalkaska on Friday, April 14, at 4:30 p.m. against the Kalkaska Blazers.

The GHS baseball and softball fields are located behind Viking Stadium. The tennis courts are located near the back of Grayling High School past the parking lot. Track meets and soccer games are held at Viking Stadium.

Bear Museum Curator visits former home



Photo courtesy of Pete Kocefas

Former Grayling resident and current Fred Bear Museum Curator Frank Scott (holding the antlers of the first legally shot-with-a-bow elk in the state of Michigan) recently visited Grayling. Scott delivered the elk antlers from the Fred Bear Museum in Florida to the Crawford County Historical Museum in Grayling, and stopped to see the Bear Archery Collection of Pete Kocefas (in the background).

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COMMUNITY TELEPHONE DIRECTORY

Skate Park to host grand opening

► Competition and live music to highlight park's ceremonial opener

The Hanson Hills Skate Park, located inside the Fred Bear Memorial Center, will hold its official grand opening on Saturday, April 22, at the park. (The park first opened in December.)

The grand opening event will include a competition for skateboards and rollerblades. The competition will start at 1 p.m. Cost will be \$10 per participant. Awards will be given to the 1st and 2nd place winners of each division.

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See "SKATE PARK..."



Photos by Caleb Casey
(Left) Local skateboarder Nick McNamar works the grind rail at the Hanson Hills Skate Park. (Above) Lee Barnett navigates one of the park's ramps. (Right) Matt Boardman of Grayling takes a jump on the pyramid ramp.



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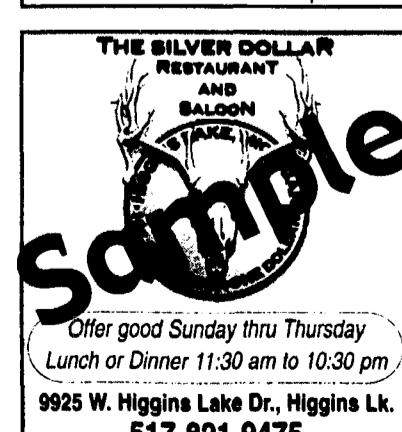
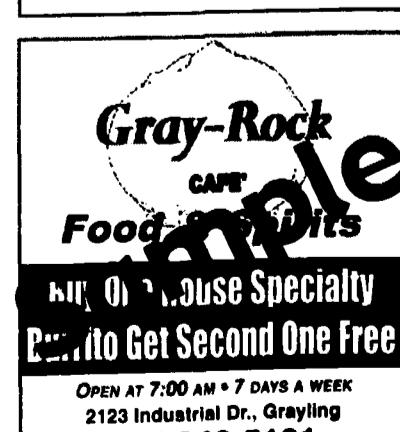
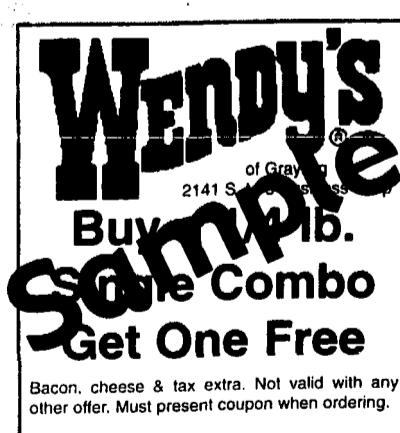
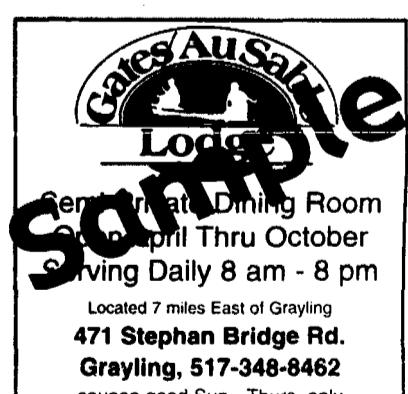
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Skate Park to host grand opening

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The competition will be open to skaters age eight and up. Participants must have a signed release form.

(Registration forms can be picked up at the Hanson Hills Skate Park.)

The event will also feature live music.

The skate park grand opening festivities are being sponsored by Boards & Beyond Skate Shop. The shop will have decks, trucks, hats, shirts, and other merchandise at the competition.



(Left) Local skater Chase Barnett slides down the grind rail. (Above) Skateboarder Nick McNamara catches air on the pyramid ramp. (Right) Wade McGregor (left) comes to a momentary stop, while Jason Riley of Cadillac plans his next run from a quarter pipe.



LEGAL ACTION

**STATE OF MICHIGAN
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
FOR THE COUNTY OF
WASHTENAW**

Case No. 99-11046-CH
Hon. Donald E. Shelton

KERRY A. MACVAY, Trustee of the Kerry A. MacVay Revocable Trust dated July 20, 1993, and GLENFORD W. HANSON and DOROTHY K. HANSON, as Trustees of the Glenford W. Hanson and Dorothy K. Hanson Trust dated April 2, 1992, Plaintiffs,

CLARENCE WILLIS BAUGHN, and BERNICE E. BAUGHN, Husband and Wife; CORNELIUS ALVIN BAUGHN and PATRICIA BAUGHN, Husband and Wife; HENRY GILBERTSON and VIRGINIA LOUISE GILBERTSON, Husband and Wife; ROBERT W. SEEFIELD, SR., as Survivor of Sarah Elizabeth Seefeld, Deceased, Husband and Wife; MARY L. BAUGHN, as Survivor of Henry Winston Baughn, Deceased, Husband and Wife; LAWRENCE E. BAUGHN and ELEANOR F. BAUGHN, Husband and

Wife; and VARIOUS JOHN and JANE DOES, as Unknown Heirs of Earl and Florence Baughn, Defendants.

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**ORDER FOR SERVICE BY
PUBLICATION**

At a session of said Court, held in the City of Ann Arbor, County of Washtenaw, State of Michigan, on this 22nd day of March, 2000.

PRESENT: Hon. Donald E. Shelton, Circuit Judge.

This matter having come before the Court on Plaintiffs' Motion for Substitute Service by Publication, and with the proper showing having been made by Plaintiffs for Order permitting service of process by publication:

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to MCR 2.1051 and MCR 2.106,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Plaintiffs' Motion is GRANTED. Alternate substitute service by publication shall be

made as provided below:

TO: Clarence Willis Baughn and Bernice E. Baughn, husband and wife, of Grayling County and Livingston County, their heirs presently unknown, and Robert W. Seefeld, Sr. of Gardenia County, California and Livingston County, as Survivor of Sarah Elizabeth Seefeld, Deceased, and his heirs presently unknown.

You are being sued by Plaintiffs in the above-identified Court in an action seeking to quiet title to real property located in Dexter Township, Washtenaw County, known as Lot 7 extension parcel more fully described as:

a parcel of land in the northwest 1/4, section 1, Dexter Township, Washtenaw County, Michigan, described as follows: beginning at the southeast corner of Lot 7, Virginia Land, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 5 of Plats, page 48, Washtenaw County Records, thence southerly along the east line of Lot 7 as continued 40'; thence westerly on a line parallel to the southerly line of Lot 7 35.25' thence northerly 40' to the southwest corner of Lot 7; thence easterly along the southerly line of Lot 7 to the point of beginning.

You must file your answer or take other action permitted by law in the above Court at the court address of 101 East Huron Street, P.O. Box 8645, Ann Arbor, Michigan 48107, telephone number (734) 994-2507, on or before May 12, 2000.

If you fail to so respond, a default judgment may be entered against you for the relief

demanded in the Complaint filed in this case.

The property described in this action is contiguous to the Plat of Virginia Land as recorded in Liber 5 of Plats, page 48, Washtenaw County Records, as dedicated by Earl E. Baughn and Florence E. Baughn, husband and wife, as proprietors on April 3, 1925. All named Defendants are, upon information and belief, the known heirs to Earl and Florence Baughn who may possibly claim an interest on the land described through a chain of title leading back to the original plat proprietors.

Published: March 30, 2000

April 6, 2000

April 13, 2000

Hon. Donald E. Shelton

Circuit Judge

Prepared by: Conlin, McKenney &

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Attorneys for Plaintiffs

By: Bradley J. McLampy (P34631)

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by John L. Wakeley, a single man, as mortgagor, to David A. Cruickshank and Betty M. Cruickshank, husband and wife, as Mortgagors, being recorded June 16, 1995 at Liber 395 Page 408-409, in the office of the Register of Deeds for Crawford County, Michigan, upon which note there is claimed to be due and unpaid at the date of this Notice the sum of **Seventeen Thousand Five Hundred Sixty-Eight and 34/100 (\$17,568.34) Dollars**, plus accrued interest at the rate of **Ten (10.0%) Percent**, plus late fees and other allowable costs, including reasonable attorney fees, real property taxes and insurance accruing from November 12, 1999.

Further, no suit or proceeding at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt or any part of the debt, secured by said mortgage and the power of sale being contained in said mortgage having become operative by reason of such default;

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that on the 26th day of April, 2000 at 10:00 in the forenoon at the main front door of the Crawford County Courthouse, Grayling, Michigan, that being the place for holding the Circuit Court for said County, there will be offered for sale and sold to the highest bidder at public sale, for the purpose of satisfying the amounts due and unpaid on said promissory note with interest thereon at the rate of **Ten (10.0%) Percent**, together with legal costs and charges of sale, provided by law and in said promissory note and mortgage. The land and the premises described in said mortgage is located in the State of Michigan, County of Crawford, Township of Grayling, and further described as follows:

The West 1/2 of the West 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 8, Town 26 North, Range 2 West.

The redemption period shall be six months from the date of sale. The property may be redeemed by paying the amount bid at the sale, plus interest at the rate of **Ten (10.0%) Percent**, and any fees, taxes or other unpaid encumbrances on the property from the date

of the sale.

The property shall be offered for sale in parcels or in total.

This notice is an attempt to collect a debt.

CAREY & JASKOWSKI, P.L.L.C.

By: Richard J. Jaskowski (P47123)

Attorney for Mortgagor

2373 S. I-75 Business Loop

PO Drawer 665

Grayling, MI 49738

(517) 348-5232

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**STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF CRAWFORD
Notice to Creditors
Decedent's Estate**

File No. 00-6108-IE

State of GEORGE W. ALEXANDER

III, date of birth: 10/18/30

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, George W. Alexander III, who lived at 11204 Devil's Elbow Trail, Grayling, Michigan died February 23, 2000.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Peggy A. Alexander, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 200 West Michigan Avenue, Grayling and the named personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Date: April 3, 2000

Alan E. Price P19091
126 South Main Street
Ann Arbor, Michigan 48104

(734) 662-4426

Peggy A. Alexander
11204 Devil's Elbow Trail
Grayling, Michigan 49738

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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE BY SALE

Default having been made in the conditions of a certain Promissory Note and Mortgage made on the date of May 24, 1995

GRAYLING TOWNSHIP NOTICE

Please be notified the Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on April 24, 2000, at 7:00 p.m. in the Township Office, 2090 Viking Way, to hear the following cases:

Case #00-6 David & Jeanne Reichelderfer, petitioners.
T26N, R4W, Sec. 13
Karen Woods Subdivision, Block 1, Lots 28 & 29
6440 Richard Road
R-2 Zone

A request to add a 28'x34' attached garage to an existing residence 5' from the side lot line (Karen Road), a variance of 25'.

Case #00-7 Grayling Township Board, petitioner.
T26N, R4W, Sec. 15
Grayling Park Sub., Blk 5, Lots 7 & 8
R-2 Zone

A request for ordinance interpretation to determine whether a variance of the side set-back provisions, as well as further variance of the overall lot size is appropriate per Grayling Township Zoning Ordinance 92-2 in reference to a lot split request.

Tentative text and zoning maps may be examined in the Township Office, 2090 Viking Way, during regular business hours.

Correspondence concerning the request should be directed to: Grayling Township, P.O. Box 521, Grayling, MI 49738. Telephone: (517) 348-4361.

Monica S. Ashton - Township Clerk

GRAYLING TOWNSHIP TO HOST TRAFFIC ACCESS MANAGEMENT SEMINAR

A comprehensive seminar discussing the need and methods of developing traffic access management plans will be held in the Grayling Township conference room on Monday, April 24, between the hours of 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Tom Doyle, an MDOT planner, and Mark Wyckoff, of the Lansing based Planning and Zoning Center, will be the seminar leaders. Both are experts in the field of managing roads and traffic within a community developmental plan. Wyckoff recently developed and wrote a master plan for the City of Grayling and Grayling Township.

This seminar will be of interest to all persons involved in community planning, including planning commission members, zoning board members, township and city board members, developers, civic planning organizations, business organizations, recreational planners, and industrial, commercial and residential developers.

The cost of the seminar is \$5 to cover lunch expenses. Registration can be made by contacting Grayling Township at (517) 348-4361. Checks should be written to Grayling Township, P.O. Box 521, Grayling, MI 49738.

-6-13-20

LEGAL ACTION

MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

Robert A. Tremain & Associates, P.C. is a debt collector and we are attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

MORTGAGE SALE Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by KIRK M. CONNELL AND TAMMY CONNELL, HUSBAND AND WIFE to TMS MORTGAGE INC., DBA THE MONEY STORE, NEW JERSEY Mortgage, dated June 25, 1998, and recorded on September 28, 1998, in Liber 464, on page 23, CRAWFORD County Records, Michigan, and assigned by MESNE assignment to THE BANK OF NEW YORK AS TRUSTEE UNDER THE POOLING AND SERVICING AGREEMENT DATED AS OF 2/28/98, SERIES 1998-A by an assignment dated February 17, 2000, and recorded on April 7, 2000, in Liber 505, on page 25, CRAWFORD County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of fifty four thousand three hundred forty seven and 52/100 Dollars (\$54,347.52), including interest at 10.750% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and approved, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of County Building, Grayling, MI at 10:00 AM on May 17, 2000.

Said premises are situated in TOWNSHIP OF GRAYLING, CRAWFORD County, Michigan, and are described as:

Parcel 1: The North 1/2 of the North 1/2 of the North 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4, Section 7, Town 26 North, Range 2 West; Together with right of ingress and egress from Highway M-72 over a strip of land 66 feet wide, lying 33 feet on each side of the North and South 1/4 line of said Section 7, Town 26 North, Range 2 West; Together with a right of way for purposes of ingress and egress over the South 66 feet of the North 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 7, and Together with right of ingress and egress over the East 33 feet of the Northeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of said Section 7 and together with and subject to a right of way for purposes of ingress and egress over the East 33 feet of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of said Section 7, Town 26 North, Range 2 West, and Together with right of ingress and egress over the West 33 feet of the Northwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 8, Town 26 North, Range 2 West and the West 33 feet of the Southwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 8, Town 26 North, Range 2 West.

Parcel 2: The South 1/2 of the North 1/2 of the North 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 7, Town 26 North, Range 2 West.

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241(a) in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: April 13, 2000

THE BANK OF NEW YORK AS TRUSTEE UNDER THE POOLING AND Assignee of Mortgagee

ATTORNEY FOR: Assignee of Mortgagee
Robert A. Tremain & Associates, P.C.
401 South Old Woodward Avenue
Suite 300
Birmingham, MI 48009-6616

-13-20-27-4

NOTICE TO REDEEM

TO: Douglas M. Duncan, Paula L. Duncan, James Salvati, Constance Salvati,

The Frederic Township Fire Department will be conducting a siren test beginning on Thursday, April 13, 2000 at 6:00 pm. The order of testing will be as follows:

1. Daily 6:00 pm Siren Test
2. Fire Siren
3. Tornado Warning Siren
4. Fallout Siren (Nuclear Attack)
5. All Clear Siren (Same as Daily 6:00 pm Siren Test)

Public is asked to familiarize themselves with the different sirens to prevent confusion during an actual emergency. In the event the test is canceled due to severe weather threatening the area or other unforeseen circumstances, the test will be rescheduled on Friday, April 14, 2000.

Jason Dasho
Frederic Township Fire Department
Wednesday, April 5, 2000
Ph. 348-6301

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Bingham Farms, MI 48025
File # 20013514
Mustangs
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STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF CRAWFORD Publication Notice

Decedent's Estate

File No. 99-6041-IE

Estate of HARRISON MATHIAS GOODHUE, deceased, INDEPENDENT PROBATE

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

Your interest in the estate may be barred or affected by this hearing.

TAKE NOTICE: On October 6, 1999, in the probate courtroom, Crawford County, Michigan, before Hon. John Hunter, Judge of Probate, a hearing was held on the petition of Carol G. Herdrich appointing her as personal representative of the Estate of Harrison Mathias Goodhue, who lived in the Township of Grayling, Michigan, and who died on September 2, 1999; Creditors of the deceased are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to the personal representative or to both the probate court and the personal representative within 4 months of the date of publication of this notice. Notice is further given that the estate will then be assigned to entitled persons appearing of record.

Date: March 31, 2000

BROTT, KIPLEY, GRUNST & SETLES, P.C.
Robert W. Brott P11253
5168 US 31 North, PO Box 300
Acme, MI 49610-0300
(231) 938-1000

Carole G. Herdrich
6200 Chinn Court
Holly, MI 48442

Dawn McCue
Mr. and Mrs. Occupant
3126 M-72 East
Grayling MI 49738

Ronald McCue
7810 Oak Road
St. Helen, MI 48656

TO: DAWN MCCUE IT IS ORDERED:

1. You are being sued by plaintiff in this court to FORFEIT A LAND CONTRACT. You must file your answer or take other action permitted by law in this court at the court address above on or before May 24, 2000 at 9:00 a.m. If you fail to do so, a default judgment may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint filed in this case.

2. A copy of this order shall be published once each week in Crawford County Avalanche for three consecutive weeks, and proof of publication shall be filed in this court.

3. Plaintiff shall post a copy of this order in the courthouse and at 3126 M-72 East, Grayling, MI for a single posting and shall file proof of posting in this court.

4. A copy of this order shall be sent to defendants at the last known address by registered mail, return receipt requested, before the date of the last publication and the affidavit of mailing shall be filed with this court.

Date: March 30, 2000
Judge John G. Hunter

on May 24, 2000.

Said premises are situated in TOWNSHIP OF FREDERIC, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: The North 233 feet of the East 165 feet of the West 330 feet of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 11, Town 27 North, Range 4 West.

The redemption period shall be 6 month(s) from the date of such sale unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241(a), in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: April 13, 2000
FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:

248-593-1301
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys and Counselors
30150 Telegraph Road, Suite 100
Bingham Farms, MI 48025
File # 200012963
Panthers

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FORECLOSURE NOTICE

Robert A. Tremain & Associates, P.C. is a debt collector and we are attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

MORTGAGE SALE Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by KATHERINE L. MILLS, MARRIED AND HAROLD L. MILLS, MARRIED to HOME IMPROVEMENT ACCEPTANCE CORP., AN OHIO CORPORATION Mortgagee, dated January 7, 1999, and recorded on January 26, 1999, in Liber 473, on page 92, CRAWFORD County Records, Michigan, and assigned by said mortgagee to ALTEGRA CREDIT COMPANY, by an assignment dated January 7, 1999, and recorded on February 17, 1999, in Liber 474, on page 417, CRAWFORD County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of twenty two thousand seven hundred ninety nine and 75/100 Dollars (\$22,799.75), including interest at 11.250% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and approved, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building, Grayling, MI, at 10:00 AM on April 17, 2000.

Said premises are situated in TOWNSHIP OF FREDERIC, CRAWFORD County, Michigan and are described as:

THE EAST 165 FEET OF THE EAST 330 FEET OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 2, TOWNSHIP 27 NORTH, RANGE 4 WEST.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241(a), in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: March 23, 2000
ALTEGRA CREDIT COMPANY
Assignee of Mortgagee
ATTORNEY FOR: Assignee of Mortgagee
Robert A. Tremain & Associates, P.C.
401 South Old Woodward Avenue
Suite 300
Birmingham, MI 48009-6616

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MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

MORTGAGE SALE Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Billie J. Marrs and Hendrina Marrs, husband and wife (original mortgagors) to Ameriquest Mortgage Company, Mortgagee, dated November 11, 1998, and recorded on December 1, 1998 in Liber 468, on page 626, CRAWFORD County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of **FOURTY-FOUR THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED THIRTY-FOUR AND 83/100 dollars (\$44,734.83)**, including interest at 9.500% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10:00 AM, including interest at 9.500% per annum.

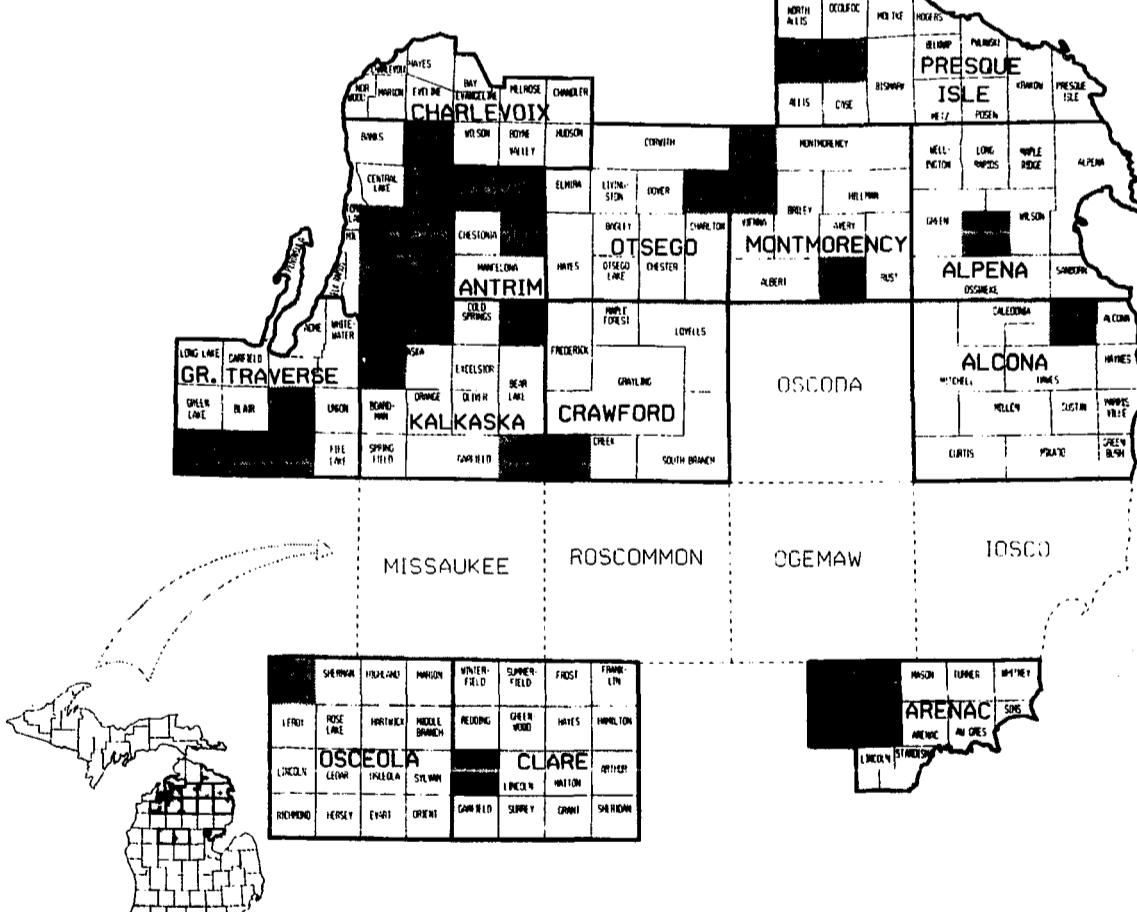
Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10:00 AM, on May 3, 2000.

Said premises are situated in CITY OF GRAYLING, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

The North 1/2 of the South 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 22, Town 25 North, Range 4 West.

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale.

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROPOSED CLASSIFICATIONS OF STATE - OWNED MINERALS TO BE OFFERED FOR OIL AND GAS LEASING



The Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) will offer, at an oral-bid public auction, oil and gas lease rights of approximately 13,796 acres of state-owned minerals in those Michigan counties indicated herein.

Registration of bidders will be held from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. on Friday, June 16, 2000 at the Ottawa Conference Center, Hannah Building South, 608 West Allegan Street, Lansing, Michigan. Offering of lease rights will begin at 9:00 a.m. at a minimum bid of \$13.00 per acre and will continue until all descriptions have been offered. Additionally, at the sale's end, and at the option of the MDNR, parcels not bid-in at \$13.00 per acre may be re-offered at a minimum bid of \$5.00 per acre.

Bids may be submitted by individuals of legal age, a partnership, corporation or other legal entity qualified to do business in Michigan. Prospective bidders should be prepared to submit such proof at the time of registration.

The total bonus bid must be paid on the same day the lease rights are bid in. Prospective bidders who do not have an established credit rating with the MDNR through prior leasing of state-owned minerals must pay at least one-half of the TOTAL bonus bid by cash, certified check, cashier's check or money order. A credit rating may be established by filing with Land and Mineral Services, MDNR three letters of reference, one of which must be from a bank. In no instance will the MDNR accept "site drafts" even if noted as a "zero day site draft."

A sale catalog showing further sale particulars including: a) the legal description of the lands proposed to be offered; b) parcel classifications, is available through Land and Mineral Services, MDNR, PO Box 30446, Lansing, MI 48909-7948.

Written comments by interested parties relative to the classification of any description must be received by Land and Mineral Services at the address specified above NOT LATER THAN MAY 1, 2000. Any requests for change in classification will be considered by the Department prior to offering the lease rights at public auction, with final classification to be set at the sole discretion of the Director of the Department of Natural Resources.

CRAWFORD COUNTY IS SEEKING APPLICANTS

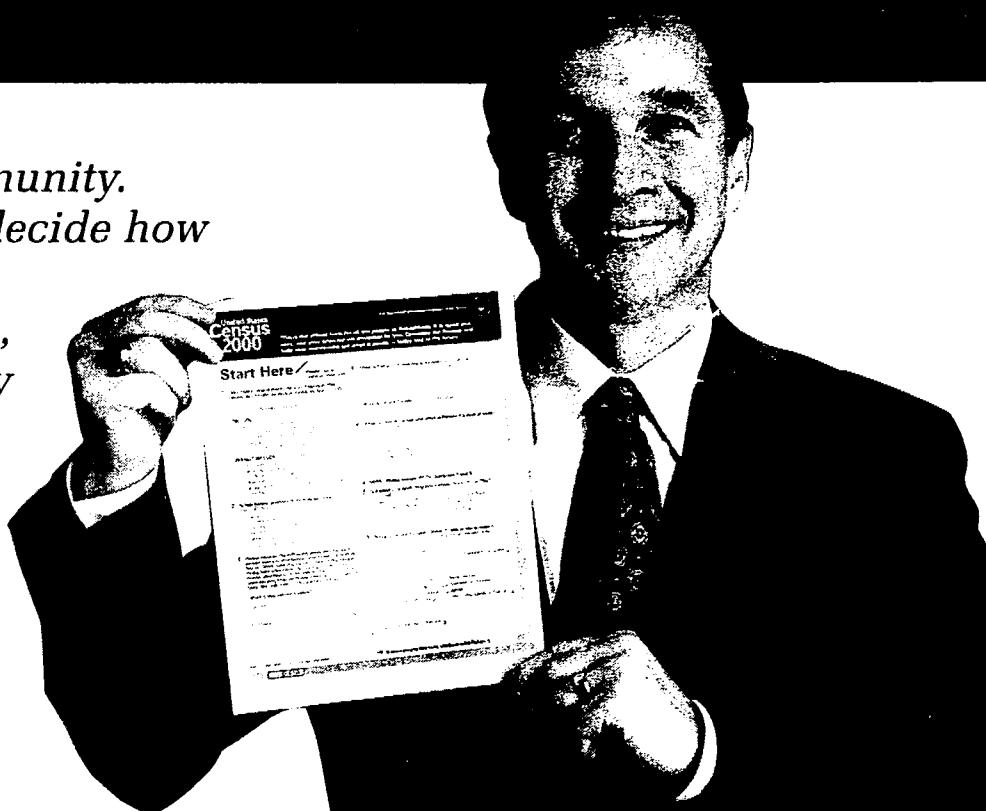
The County of Crawford is seeking applicants for the position of Assistant Zoning Administrator. The successful candidate will possess a fundamental understanding of the zoning process, polished interpersonal skills, be highly motivated, and have a strong desire to deliver excellent customer service. The candidate will enforce zoning ordinances related to existing and new construction and will report to the Director of Building and Zoning. This is a salary position and will require some nighttime and weekend commitments. The individual will also work closely with the Crawford County Planning Commission and the Crawford County Zoning Board of Appeals. The candidate will be expected to obtain certification to administer and enforce the Soil Erosion & Sedimentation control, Part 91 of Act 451 of 1994. Salary range is \$20,000 to \$30,000 and includes an excellent benefit package. Interested individuals will send application and resume to the County of Crawford, Attention Controller, 200 W. Michigan Ave., Grayling, MI 49738

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Let America Know
What Michigan Needs...
Fill Out The Form!

“It’s not too late to make a true difference for your community. Please take a moment to fill out the census. It’s used to decide how much money our communities receive for our schools. Education is not the only issue at stake. Child assistance, better housing, healthcare, senior programs, public safety and road funding are all impacted by the census. Your participation is very important. It’s not too late to let America know what Michigan needs for a better future.”

Lt. Governor Dick Posthumus



United States **Census** **2000**

This is Your Future... Don't Leave it Blank!

Census 2000

FEATURES

HOROSCOPES

For The Week Of April 16-22

Aries

March 21-April 20

News from an unlikely source may not be as bad as expected. It is important you be direct. You can work out an agreement that will be profitable for everyone involved. It may not be the best time for you to take off on a long trip.

Taurus

April 21-May 21

A health problem may be taking a lot out of you. You just don't realize how much it is affecting your family, too. It's time to quit ignoring it and see a doctor. Take some time to enjoy the simple pleasures and treasures in life.

Gemini

May 22-June 21

You may be challenged by someone in authority, so be sure you keep records of everything you have done. Remember, a good defense starts with a good offense. Be more compassionate toward loved ones. Your impatience is showing.

Cancer

June 22-July 22

Problems are on the horizon for a close relationship. However, it's a good time to laugh at yourself. You may be surprised at the allies you'll gain by shaking off your problems and laughing your cares away. Listen to a good idea at work.

Leo

July 23-August 23

Call your travel agent. This may turn out to be the best time in your busy schedule for a trip. If you sign up now, you won't be able to back out later. A legitimate business plan may be headed your way, so keep your eyes and ears open.

Virgo

August 24-September 22

You have a style all your own. This week you'll find that unique style will go a long way toward opening new doors for you...socially and professionally. So remember, no matter where you are, be yourself. Be understanding of differing opinions.

For Entertainment Purposes Only

Libra

September 23-October 23

Deal with your coworkers positively. They'll be more likely to listen and try to understand your views. It is important that you value each person as an individual. They all have unique ideas, and they're worth listening to.

Scorpio

October 24-November 22

A change of attitude is in the air. Whether it's your attitude or a friend's, it's important that you don't try to impose your spiritual values on someone you know. Try something new and different. It will give you a new outlook on life.

Sagittarius

November 23-December 21

A friend is entrenched in a sticky domestic situation. Don't get involved. This is one situation you don't want to be in the middle of. Keep telling yourself that it's none of your business. Listen to a coworker's advice on investing some money.

Capricorn

December 22-January 20

The urge to roll up your sleeves and get busy will work in your favor. Your efficient methods will catch on very quickly. You'll have a tendency to make people very comfortable with your innovative and time-saving suggestions.

Aquarius

January 21-February 18

Don't wait any longer, take steps to register for that class you have been thinking of taking. Exciting career opportunities are headed your way. Be secure in your knowledge and open to change, and the opportunities will find you.

Pisces

February 19-March 20

Your decision about expenses is going to make a big difference in your professional and personal life. Instead of accusing supervisors of nit-picking, use their constructive criticism. It could go a long way toward accomplishing your goals.

RECIPE OF THE WEEK



Apple Waldorf Salad

4 cups cubed red apples
1 cup halved seedless green grapes
2/3 cup sliced celery
1/2 cup broken walnuts,

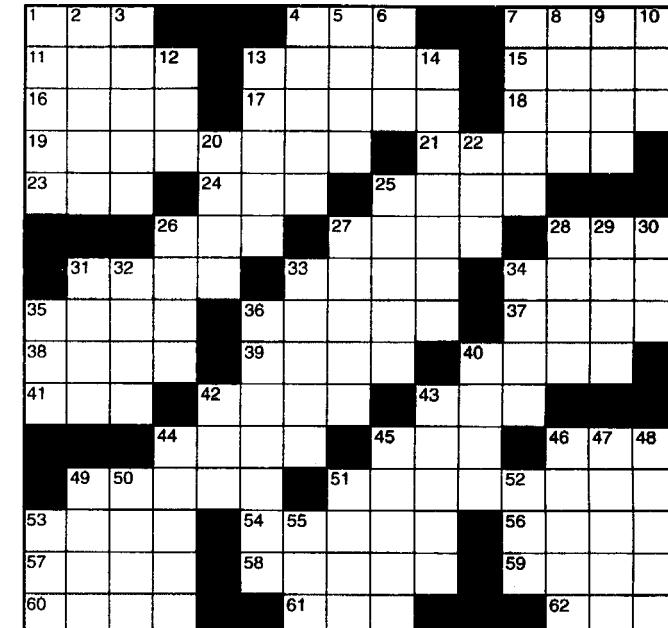
optional
1/2 cup whipped topping, thawed
1/4 cup mayonnaise

Thoroughly combine all ingredients. Serve or chill for 1 hour.
Yield: 6 servings, 2/3 cup ea.



HOME NEEDED - Zeek is a 4 month old male boxer mix. Housebroken. To adopt any of the pets available, stop by or give the Animal Shelter of Crawford County a call at 348-4117.

CROSSWORD



ACROSS

1. Black widow's home
4. Mauna ____
7. Parrotfish milieu
11. Range component
13. Rita Hayworth film
15. Patriot Nathan
16. Violent anger
17. Gun used to time fastballs
18. "...pudding ____ the eating" (2 wds.)
19. Those in mid-proposal?
21. ____ Carlo
23. Speedy aircraft
24. Positive reply
25. Modernize
26. Outcome
27. Fax
28. Ship's letters
31. "Abraham, Martin and John" singer
33. The King of Babu
34. Campus gp.
35. Forest frond
36. Blood channel
37. Merely
38. Arabic letters
39. Uses a shovel
40. Prudent
41. "Come ____ My House"
42. Connecticut's Ivy League school
43. Knots Landing role
44. Reproduction

45. ____ Buddhism
46. Roll of money
49. Porty
51. Delay
53. Airline offering sometimes
54. The Main ____
56. Miss Havisham, to Estella
57. "Nothing can need ____" (George Herbert)
58. Eats
59. Dancer's movement
60. "____ fair in love and war"
61. Magazine staffers: abbr.
62. ____ Alte

20. Singer Loretta
22. Type of job
25. Breathers
26. Geologic time divisions
27. Twilled fabric
28. Large coffeepots
29. Shopper's role
30. Pen full of ink?
31. Actor Jones
32. *The Joy of Cooking* author Rombauer
33. Antimacassar
34. Shiny sandwich wrap
35. Polly Holliday role
36. Conformed
40. Waste not, ____ not
42. One of "three little words"
43. Sleeveless garments
44. Nat King and Natalie
45. Zip codes' predecessors
46. "____ God I Were a Tender Apple Blossom"
47. Hall played by Keaton
48. Inhibit
49. Directive to a broker
50. Follow secretly
51. Hang fire
52. Idea lacking substance
53. Farm sound
55. Voltaire's life

DOWN

1. Tolls
2. Cowgirl Dale
3. Generale
4. Falsifiers
5. Automotive pioneer
6. Birthplace of Oral Roberts
7. Endangered animal, for short
8. "It is the ____ and Juliet the sun!"
9. Writer Wiesel
10. Boggy area
12. Born, society-style
13. Von Stroheim film
14. Georgia's neighbor

ANSWERS IN CLASSIFIEDS

A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE

23 Years Ago April 14, 1977

Education must be on the minds of many local residents since 13 people have submitted petitions signifying their intent to run for the Crawford AuSable District Board of Education.

Education costs and the controversial Single Business Tax occupied most of the time of 37th District State Senator Bob Davis and 103rd Representative Ralph Ostling during their first Grayling "town hall meeting" on Monday.

A 15-year-old Kalkaska youth who stole his foster parents car remains in critical condition in Grayling Mercy Hospital. He led police on a 25 mile chase at speeds up to 130 mph, running 15 cars off the road before being stopped on M-72 near Crawford County. As police approached the car, the youth shot himself in the stomach with a shotgun.

The Curriculum Committee report on the Crawford AuSable district have several recommendations for the Board. The highest priority was to spend more on textbooks, teaching supplies, and library materials before new classes are offered. They also felt that there was a greater need for more respect and cooperation between parents, teachers and administrators.

69 Years Ago April 16, 1931

Two new members attending the regular April meeting of the State Conservation Commission: M.J. Fox of Iron Mountain and Philip K. Fletcher of Alpena, who were appointed by Governor Brucker.

Mrs. Alex LaGrow had the misfortune of falling Sunday and breaking her left ankle.

Mr. and Mrs. John Brady and children, Jean, Monica and Michael spent Sunday in Mackinac visiting relatives.

25 young people of the Epworth League enjoyed their first season's

outing on Beaver Island on the AuSable Monday night.

Mr. and Mrs. George Schaible and son Junior spent the weekend in Lansing and were accompanied home by Miss Beverly who had been spending the spring vacation with her grandparents, the J.E. Fletchers.

Misses Lillion and Evelyn Jordan have returned home after visiting relatives for several days in Bay City and Pinconning.

Don Reynolds won the district oratorical contest in competition with other employees of the Public Serve Co. Tonight he will go to Traverse to compete against winners in the other district.

It seems Lovells is having its share of fires, one burning the Acorn Club.

Edgar Caid is clerking in the T.E. Douglas store at Lovells.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Feldhauser have moved to their farm in Maple Forest.

92 Years Ago April 16, 1908

Miss Frankie Love, daughter of John A. Love of Beaver Creek, who attended school here during the winter is now engaged in teaching in the Edmunds district in Maple Forest.

Tuesday was the warmest spring day to date, the mercury registering 76 degrees at 2 p.m.

George W. Brott turned 20,000 trout into the cold water of Simpson Lake last week.

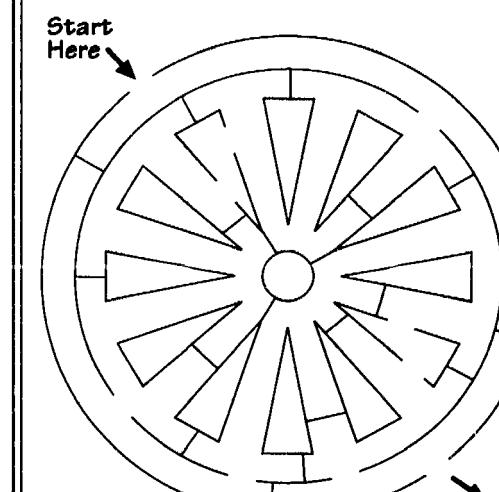
Wednesday trout fishing will be legal in the North Branch. Poor little boys who don't have \$50 outfit must stand back. The law was passed by Us. and Co.

Roy Papenfus has bought 40 acres of Jos. Sims. He comes well recommended, another good farmer at Lovells.

Ten dry counties in Michigan is the result of Monday's election. Among the number are Grand Traverse and Missaukee.

The Grayling Boy Scouts are offering for sale a license plate to

MAZE



SEEK AND FIND

FIND THESE WORDS IN THE PUZZLE BELOW.

OARFISH
OCELOT
OCTOPUS
OKAPI
ORANGUTAN
ORIOLE
OTRICH
OWL

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WEATHER

Courtesy of the City of Grayling



Date	H	L	Precip.
4/4	30	25	0.01"
4/5	48	26	0.05"
4/6	43	23	0.08"
4/7	34	25	0.11"
4/8	38	16	
4/9	35	23	
4/10	36	24	

Extended Forecast courtesy of the U.S. Excite Weather: Wednesday - partly cloudy with a high near 45. Thursday - overcast and rainy, a low near 40 and a high in the low 50's. Friday - mainly cloudy with rain showers, a low near 45 and a high in the low 60's. Saturday - overcast with rain showers, a low near 40 and a high in the low 60's.

2. For Rent

FOR RENT IN TOWN Two bedroom, \$400 month plus gas, deposit and references. 517-348-5560 (-13/2)

ONE BEDROOM DUPLEX on Brink St. Washer/dryer hook up. \$425 including utilities. 517-348-5230 (-6-13/2)

3. Employment

ATTN: GRAYLING Postal positions, clerks/carriers/sorters. No experience required. Benefits. For exam, salary, and testing information call 630-836-9243 ext. 7588, 8 a.m. - 8 p.m., seven days. (-6-13/3)

PRODUCTION WORKERS Now accepting applications for full-time production at AJD Forest Products, Grayling. Minimum requirement of GED or High School Diploma. Some heavy manual labor. Must be punctual and reliable. Drug-free Workplace. Benefit package includes Blue Cross Blue Shield, Profit Sharing, and 401K. Apply in person between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Located at 4440 Four Mile Road, east of I-75, or telephone Human Resources at 517-348-5412, ext. 137 for an application by mail. (-13/3)

LOCAL FAST FOOD RESTAURANT now hiring an Assistant Manager. Benefits include competitive salary, life insurance, disability, co-pay medical and dental insurance, bonus program, vacation and personal days. Please send resume: Attn: SG, P.O. Box 490, Grayling, MI 49738. (-13/3)

HELP WANTED Experienced line cook, waitress, bus person and dish washer. Full and part time, AM-PM shift. Apply in person at Country Skillet, 10945 M-72 W. Kalkaska, MI 49646. (-13/3)

DAYS INN - GRAYLING is seeking an outgoing team player that can work part time/evenings at the front desk. Computer experience and a "guest is #1" attitude is a plus. Apply within. (-13/3)

Career Opportunity

Wanted: One person to join our agency. You must be able to manage your time well and require only minimum supervision. Sales experience not necessary. We are looking for attitude, personality, determination and desire to earn an above average income. Our training program is one of the best in the business. We also provide an extensive lead system. The company is a leader in the health and financial services industry with assets over \$4 billion. TIME FOR A CHANGE? Call Jerry Foehl at 231-947-4390. EOC M/F/H. RA9029

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3. Employment

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KITCHEN HELP WANTED Apply at Gates AuSable Lodge. Starting wage \$7 per hour. 517-348-8462 (-13/3)

COOK - WAIT STAFF - Pro Shop Personnel. Must be available to work nights and weekends. Apply at Grayling Country Club. (-6-13/3)

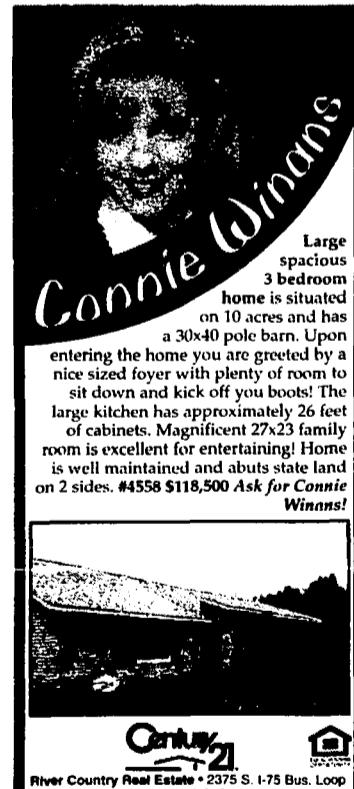
SUMMER CHILDREN Activities Director Wanted. If you like children, and plan to work with kids. GRA has a great opportunity for you. We are looking for someone interested in taking over the existing Summer Day Camp programs. This is a great experience for high school and college students looking for working experience. Interested applicants should be creative and enthusiastic. Please send resume to: GRA, P.O. Box 361, Grayling, MI 49738. (-13/3)

ATTENTION: WORK FROM HOME Mail Order Business. Need help immediately. \$522 plus week PT. \$1,000-\$4,000 week FT. Full training. Free booklet 262-808-7737. www.livingzstreet.com (-6-13/20/3)

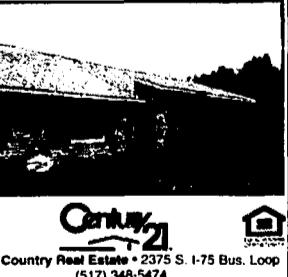
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STATE WORKER 4 POSITIONS CAMP GRAYLING ARNG TRAINING SITE The State of Michigan Department of Military & Veteran Affairs, Camp Grayling ARNG Training Site is currently accepting applications for State Worker 4 positions (no education or experience necessary) as general labor help for Roads and Grounds Maintenance. These positions are non-career and the incumbent may work a maximum of 710 hours. Starting hourly salary rate is \$6.50. Applications may be picked up at the Grayling Michigan Works Service Center. Please contact Toni at the Center regarding the applications. She may be reached by phone at (517) 348-8709. Questions concerning the position may be directed to Robert Becks at (517) 344-6109. Applications must be completed and returned no later than April 21, 2000. An Equal Employment Opportunity Employer. -13

1. Real Estate

Large spacious 3 bedroom home is situated on 10 acres and has a 30x40 pole barn. Upon entering the home you are greeted by a nice sized foyer with plenty of room to sit down and kick off your boots! The large kitchen has approximately 26 feet of cabinets. Magnificent 27x23 family room is excellent for entertaining! Home is well maintained and abuts state land on 2 sides. #4558 \$118,500 Ask for Connie Winans!

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LOOKING FOR AN INDIVIDUAL to assist two people in their home in Grayling. Position is 32 hours per week with varying hours. Pay is \$7.42 per hour with benefit package. Must have experience in care of others and have completed Dept. of Community Health training "Providing Residential services in Community Settings". Call 517-732-6374 (4/6/00/13)

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MAID WANTED Apply River Country Motor Lodge, north I-75 Business Loop. (-13-20-27/3)

AUTO TECHNICIAN GM heavy engine and transmission auto technician needed. Must be state certified and have own tools. Factory training a plus but not necessary. Excellent pay and fringe benefits. Friendly, professional working environment. Plenty of work available. Sign-on bonus to right applicant. Call Dave Petrie, Service Manager, at Scheer Motors in Grayling, Michigan, 517-348-5451 for interview appointment. (3/2/00/13)

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3. Employment**3. Employment**

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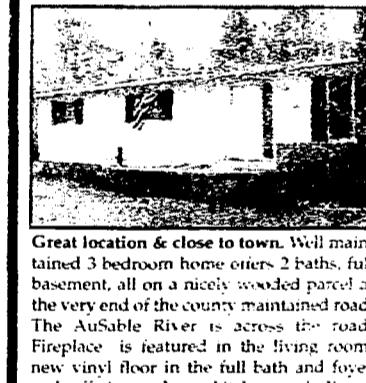
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1. Real Estate

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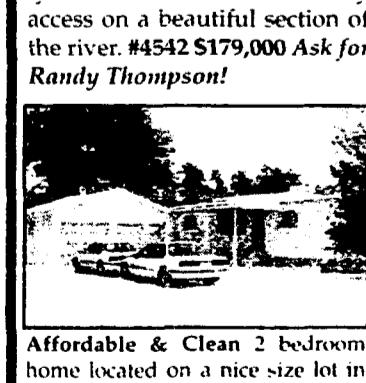
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3. Employment

NURSING ASSISTANT (CERTIFIED) We are seeking Certified Nurse Assistants to work in our Medical Surgical Hospital and our Extended Care Facility. Full and Part time positions are available on afternoon and midnight shifts. The successful candidate will have completed a Nursing Assistant program and be certified as a Nurse Assistant. Preference is given to persons having relevant experience as a Nursing Assistant. We offer competitive wages and excellent fringe benefit package. Interested persons please contact Human Resources. Mercy Hospital Grayling, 1100 E. Michigan Ave., Grayling, MI 49738. Phone 517-348-0528; Fax 517-348-0485 (-13/3)

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3. Employment

PRODUCTION SUPERVISOR Entry level position. Learn automated packaging, manage and work with crew and management. Mechanical ability, being able to think and act quickly is a plus. Good leadership abilities are necessary. Position is fast paced from May through September. Please apply in person at Northern Pure Ice, 427 S. I-75 Business Loop, Grayling, MI 49738. (-6-13/3)

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PIANO FOR SALE Spinet/Console. Responsible party wanted to make low monthly payments. Zero down with good credit. See locally. Call 800-346-1775. (-13/20/5)

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11. Automotive



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